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Cabinet split over cash for teachers' deal

By Nicholas Wood, Political Reporter

Mr Kenneth Baker, the Secretary of State for Education and Science, has come up with a new package to settle the intractable teachers' pay dispute, but faces fierce opposition from Mr Nigel Lawson, the Chancellor of the Exchequer, because of the cost.

The divisions surfaced yesterday at a meeting of the Cabinet committee chaired by the Prime Minister, which is trying to deliver lasting classroom peace in time for the next election.

Mrs Thatcher is believed to be anxious to secure a settlement but has not made up her mind about the money involved.

In a surprise move, Mr Baker effectively tore up the so-called Coventry package agreed by five of the six teacher unions and their local authority employers in July and put forward one of his own.

This breaks with the principle of across-the-board rises enshrined in the Coventry deal, replacing it with a pay scale designed to give the biggest rewards to the most talented and dedicated staff.

In return, the Secretary of State is demanding from the teachers tight new contracts covering their duties and out-of-hours responsibilities, including a commitment to stand in for absent colleagues.

He is prepared to offer far more than the £1.25 billion over four years initially tabled by Sir Keith Joseph, his predecessor, though not, it is thought, as much as the Coventry price tag of £2.9 billion over five years.

Yesterday, Mr Baker was able to persuade his Cabinet colleagues that his package is worth having. But he was not successful in wringing the extra money out of Mr Lawson.



Mr Baker: Attempt to bring classroom peace.

The committee, which also includes Lord Whitelaw, the Lord Chancellor, Mr Norman Tebbit, the Tory chairman, and Mr Nicholas Ridley, the Secretary of State for the Environment, is expected to continue meeting this week with an eye to reporting back to a session of the full Cabinet on Thursday.

The Government's agonies over teachers' pay, highlighted by the threat of lightning stoppages by the National Association of Schoolmasters/Union of Women Teachers starting at the beginning of next month, are further complicated by the Scottish dimension.

Earlier this month, the independent Main Committee recommended rises of 16.4 per cent phased over 18 months in return for concessions on conditions of service.

The Treasury was "horrified", not so much by the overall cost for Scotland, but by the knock-on implications for teachers' pay south of the Border, where the salary bill for more than 400,000 teachers is already approaching £5 billion a year.

Knowing that implementation of Main would inevitably raise expectations in England and Wales, ministers have put the report on hold while they attempt to thrash out a settlement of the southern dispute.

This has effectively tied the hands of Mr Malcolm Rifkind, the Secretary of State for Scotland, who believes he has no choice but to agree its recommendations.

Mr Lawson, who is backed by some ministers from spending departments, has also warned his colleagues of the impact of a hefty rise for teachers on the levels of public-sector pay settlements.

Tory shire councils, fuming

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The Pope welcoming Mr John Pretty-on-top, a leader of the American Indians' traditional religion, to the World Day of Prayer for Peace in Assisi yesterday.

Religions united in prayer

From Peter Nichols
Assisi

From North American Indians with their pipes of peace and feathered headdresses blowing in the wind to Tibetan Buddhists, tree worshippers from Togo, Muslims, Jews and Hindus, the Pope's guests from the world's leading religions brought a totally new experience to the history of faith by coming here together to pray for peace.

Crowds were small because the hilltop town dedicated to the memory of St Francis was closed to traffic for the day of prayer. Only at the opening ceremony, at the entrance to the basilica of Santa Maria degli Angeli outside the city, was there space for a sizeable public to participate.

The Pope greeted some 150 religious leaders as they filed into the main entrance of the church which contains the chapel where the Franciscan Order was founded and Francis died.

The Dalai Lama in his sleeveless saffron robes was warmly cheered as he and the Pope grasped each other's hands. Dr Robert Runcie, the Archbishop of Canterbury, was another whose reception was warm enough to allow him to break away and acknowledge the applause.

The delegation from the Russian Orthodox Church led by Archbishop Philaret, the Metropolitan of Kiev, presented the Pope with a book.

Inside the church the Pope welcomed his guests with these words: "The coming together of so many religious leaders to pray is in itself invitation today to the world to become aware that their exists another dimension of peace and another way of promoting it which is not a

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Britain wins only limited EEC backing on Syria

From Richard Owen, Luxembourg

The EEC moved yesterday toward only very limited support for Britain's action towards Syria after the conviction in London on Friday of a Syrian-backed terrorist.

A foreign ministers meeting, from which the French, West German and Italian foreign ministers were notably absent, failed to provide Britain with immediate backing, leading to strong behind-the-scenes differences at the restricted session, despite a British welcome for European expressions of solidarity and moral support.

British irritation was matched, according to some officials, by a feeling among Britain's EEC partners that they had not been sufficiently consulted far enough in advance of Britain's decision to break off ties with Damascus.

There was deadlock over concrete measures after several hours of talks.

European foreign ministers expressed solidarity with Britain and moral support and voiced "serious concern" when presented with a thick and detailed dossier by Sir Geoffrey Howe, the Foreign Secretary, on Syrian involvement in terrorism, including the case of Nezar Hindawi, who sought to blow up an El Al jet in April by planting a bomb on his unsuspecting Irish girlfriend.

But none of the EEC states undertook to match Britain by breaking off diplomatic relations with Damascus and Greece even opposed the naming of Syria as a sponsor of terrorism.

Mr Theodoros Pangalos, the Greek EEC minister, told reporters: "We don't want to lay hands on Syria. We don't know where that would lead."

Sir Geoffrey said he was looking for a strong collective signal to Syria rather than measures which exactly matched Britain's.

He recalled that EEC interior ministers had agreed ground rules for joint action against such states.

Britain also called for a freeze on EEC aid to Syria, an embargo on arms sales – a demand partly aimed at France, which is reported to be negotiating an arms contract with Damascus – the temporary withdrawal of EEC ambassadors and a curb on official Syrian visits to Europe, but both these latter were opposed by several states, including France.

Diplomats said European reluctance to act against Syria was partly due to trade interests but mainly due to Syria's political importance in the Middle East.

On the eve of the meeting, Syria put additional pressure on Europe by summoning the ambassadors of the Twelve – minus Britain – in Damascus seeking to persuade them that Britain's motives were hostile.

Diplomats said France's reluctance was also partly due to sensitivities over French hostages still being held in Lebanon.

British officials welcomed West Germany's decision to postpone a visit to Bonn by the Syrian Foreign Minister.

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Mr Paul Bremer, President Reagan's ambassador on anti-terrorism, visited London yesterday to discuss Syrian terrorism with Foreign Office experts

Computer fault turns Big Bang into damp squib

By Michael Clark and Richard Thomson

A computer breakdown at the Stock Exchange yesterday turned the long-awaited Big Bang into a damp squib.

Dealers who arrived at their offices at the crack of dawn in anticipation of one of the greatest events ever witnessed in the City, were thrown into utter confusion.

Many of them were unable to start trading at 9am after part of the Stock Exchange's complex dealing system blew a fuse. Dealers were left to trade as best they could, relying on the telephone for more than an hour during the morning.

Brokers were forced to resort to the traditional method of trading on the Stock Exchange floor.

Sir Nicholas Goodison, chairman of the Stock Exchange Council, was quick to blame the curiosity of dealers wanting to try out the new system and so overloading it. The Topic screen-based information system could not handle the massive 200 instructions per second it was being asked to deal with.

One disgruntled broker, when asked how many times the computer had failed, complained: "I don't know, but it's only been up once".

Topic's failure forced the exchange to suspend the entire computer-based dealing network on which the new markets in the City depend.

Most dealers coped with the problems arising from the breakdown, but remained critical of the way the system had been introduced by the Stock Exchange. They felt it should have been brought in gradually.

It was a quiet day in both the equity and government securities markets, with turnover below average as marketmen decided on the softly-softly approach.

It was estimated towards the close of business that a total of 22,300 trades had been reported in leading stocks, with the FT index of top 30 shares closing 6.2 up at 1,257.8.

Sir Nicholas was confident that the same problem would not arise again, but said he could make no guarantees. He added: "If you put a monkey, or a dodo in a zoo, everyone will want to look at it on the first day".

But most marketmen are confident that the system will eventually settle down. The Stock Exchange's main computerized dealing system, which cost £80 million to develop, stood up to the test and at its peak was handling 22 transactions a second.

The SEAQ system can handle a peak of 40 transactions per second through the 10,000 Topic terminals. Sir Nicholas went on to describe the Topic breakdown as "a small setback which had now been put right".

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Hiccups ignored at City haunts

By Robin Young

By rights the City restaurants and wine bars should have been empty at lunchtime yesterday. Instead they were full of people chatting about things that had gone wrong.

In the Long Room, Throgmorton Street, where large fillet steaks are £6.65: "Well, I mean, we had lost a whole hour. It was so damned ridiculous, and we didn't know what to do with ourselves. I said could we go to the bar, but of course they weren't even open, so in the end we just went for a walk."

A walkout in frustration at the collapse of the Stock Exchange's sophisticated new systems? "Oh no. My wife and I had been at a party on Saturday night, and we forgot to put the clock back. So when we went to the pub for Sunday lunch we were there an hour before they opened. Terribly embarrassing."

In the Oak Room, a floor below (roast sirloin £4.90, Moet & Chandon £16.29): "Honestly not a thing went right. We pulled out at 7.19, but everything went so slowly. Truly I thought they had closed down the whole system. We just sat there, sort of shuddering." Unfavourable price movements compounded by the failures of new technology? No, just the usual complaints about train services to London Bridge.

In The Greenhouse (rack of lamb £7.95, house champagne £18.50): "When he made the call the whole thing was all set-up and monitored. Even so he still had the option. The fatal mistake was trying to do the trade-off by telephone." Big Bang? No, just Mr Jeffrey Archer.

Didn't anyone, then, have any moans to pass on about the Big Bang and its disastrous debut? "Oh, you journalists are all the same. All you ever want to talk about is the things that go wrong."

Tomorrow

Questions of sport



Neil Macfarlane, former sports minister, tells the inside story of his political battles over football, the Olympics and sporting links with South Africa

Tories in no hurry to replace Archer

By Robin Oakley, Political Editor

Following the resignation on Sunday of Mr Jeffrey Archer as deputy chairman of the Conservative Party, there will be no rush to find a successor. Indeed, Mrs Thatcher and Mr Norman Tebbit, her party chairman, will probably decide not to replace him at all.

A clear hint of their thinking came when Mr Tebbit announced yesterday that Mr Peter Morrison, already appointed as an extra deputy chairman in the autumn reshuffle, would take over Mr Archer's administrative responsibilities within Central Office.

Yesterday's statement also said that Mr Archer had asked to be relieved of his speaking engagements for the time being in order to spend time with his wife and family. But in fact both Mr Tebbit and Mrs Thatcher have encouraged Mr Archer, after a brief lull, to carry on with his packed programme of addresses to Conservative Associations as a private individual. Yesterday's statement spoke of Mr Morrison taking on the best-selling author's speaking engagements only "in the meantime".

Calls poured into Central Office yesterday in support of the former deputy chairman. Officials could not trace a single one which had requested the cancellation of an Archer meeting and most expressed anxiety that he should still attend. Mr Archer is scheduled to speak in more than 130 constituencies between now and next July.

It is expected that after a week or two of quiet with his family, the millionaire novelist, who attracts audiences rivalled only by Mr Tebbit himself, will resume the speaking circuit. The Tories simply do not have anybody else with the same celebrity pulling power and as well as performing his primary function of cheering up the Tory troops, Mr Archer has proved an important fund-raiser for the party.

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Mr Archer's resignation over his admitted "lack of judgment" in using an intermediary to pay off a prostitute, who he insists he had never met, will mean that he will not see as much of the Prime Minister as he did and he will have no formal post. But he was never paid for his work as deputy chairman and Tory officials clearly hope that once the fuss has died down, Mr Archer will be able to perform much the same functions as he did before, though on a more informal basis.

● Officers from Scotland Yard's serious crime squad yesterday began studying newspaper reports of the allegations which led at the weekend to the resignation of Mr Archer.

A decision to begin a full-scale investigation will probably depend, according to Yard sources yesterday, on whether Mr Archer or anyone else comes forward to make a complaint.

Bamber jury go to hotel

The jury trying Mr Jeremy Bamber for the White House Farm murders were sent to a hotel last night having failed to reach a verdict more than five hours after retiring. The foreman of the jury told Mr Justice Drake that they had been unable to reach either a unanimous or a majority verdict.

The five women and seven men who have been hearing the case at Chelmsford Crown Court for 18 days will reconvene this morning.

Mr Bamber, aged 25, a farmer's son, has denied murdering his adoptive parents, his half-sister Mrs Sheila Caffell, aged 27, and her twin sons.

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Knowsley party loses appeal

The Knowsley North Labour Party was last night refused leave to appeal against a High Court ruling earlier in the day blocking a fresh legal move to prevent the party's national executive imposing a moderate candidate for the November 13 by-election.

The Master of the Rolls (Sir John Donaldson) and Lord Justice Dillon, sitting in the Court of Appeal, agreed that there was nothing wrong with a decision by Mr Justice Hoffmann that there should be no early trial of the constituency party's claim that the national executive was guilty of breaking party rules.

Mr Justice Hoffmann had been asked by five members of the local party executive to order a hearing of its claim within three days. He refused, saying that even if they won, it would not change the candidate now running for the seat on the Labour ticket.

The local party had argued that the NEC acted in excess of its powers by refusing to endorse the local party's choice of the Militant-backed Euro MP, Mr Les Huckfield.

It was also said that the NEC had no power to order the Knowsley North party to accept Mr George Howarth, the moderate candidate who came second to Mr Huckfield in nominations, as official candidate.

Upholding the judge's earlier decision, Sir John said deciding whether or not to order an early trial had been "a damage limitation exercise - choosing between two unattractive alternatives."

He said the judge had been entitled to decide that reopening the controversy when the by-election campaign was already underway, would seriously damage the party's chances.

Mr Justice Hoffmann had said that because the NEC had the right to endorse anyone it thought fit, the local party could win its day in court and still find its selection blocked.

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Britain gives £250,000 to WHO Aids project

By Pearce Wright
Science Editor

The British Government is making £250,000 immediately available for a special programme by the World Health Organization to combat the spread of Aids in developing countries. Contributions are pledged from other Western nations.

Sixteen Third World countries have been identified by doctors as in most need of help, but there has been no formal request from their governments to establish programmes to contain the spread of the disease.

As reported yesterday in *The Times* in the first of a three-part series from Africa, a million people will die from Aids in those territories in the next few years.

In addition to support for the WHO programme, the Overseas Development Administration in the United Kingdom is offering what limited expertise is available, mainly by drawing on lessons in other public health projects, to assist individual countries endeavouring to establish a national programme to control the spread of Aids.

Scientists at the Centre for Applied Microbiology, Porton Down, in Wiltshire, are testing a new method of analysing blood serum for the diagnosis of Aids.

Behind the research lies concern about the appearance of a second strain of the Aids virus, HIV-2, that slips undetected though the two procedures now being used for screening.

Spectrum 14

In addition to showing the presence of antibodies which were the tell-tale signs that a person had been exposed to any variant of the virus, Dr Derek Layton, of Porton International, said the object was to measure the "infectivity" of contaminated blood products.

The new technique depends on the use of gene probes which show the presence of molecules that would be common to any strain of Aids virus.

In experiments at Porton, more than 80 samples that came from known sufferers of the full Aids condition from Africa were found to slip through the diagnostic tests for HIV-1.

In addition, the team at Porton Down is developing a treatment for Aids with an agent called HIVA, which they believe is 10 times more powerful than the AZT drug recently introduced by Wellcome for trials in Europe and in the United States. The new substance was discovered two years ago in California.

In test-tube experiments the compound stopped the virus infecting the vital white blood cells, called T4 lymphocytes, by blocking the enzyme reverse transcriptase, which the Aids virus uses to take over the host cell's DNA.

Without cells in which to replicate, the virus is impotent.

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Tunnel chief

Sir Nigel Broackes, chairman of Trafalgar House, will join Eurotunnel's board as a non-executive director if its fund-raising exercise is successful by tomorrow's deadline

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Hi-tech gap

Poaching, poor training and excessive job-switching are just some of the staff problems new technology is failing to solve, reports Computer Horizons

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Botham move

Ian Botham may not tour again with England after the present series in Australia. He is expected to play for Queensland for three winters

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"Applying the blowtorch to the belly" was how Neville Wran, former Premier of New South Wales, dealt with political opponents. A Special Report looks at changes in Australia's oldest state since his retirement

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Portfolio

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NEWS SUMMARY

Police detain 18 under terror Act

Scottish Special Branch officers were yesterday questioning 18 people, 10 from Northern Ireland, who were held by the police under the Prevention of Terrorism Act in a series of raids over the past two days (*Stewart Tendler writes*).

On Sunday two men, aged 30 and 33, were stopped by Strathclyde officers. Yesterday police disclosed that a further 16 had been held.

Over the weekend, Glasgow Rangers and Glasgow Celtic football teams played the final of a competition in Edinburgh. The match would have drawn supporters from Northern Ireland.

Details of the arrests have not been passed on to Scotland Yard's anti-terrorist branch. The arrests may be connected with attempts by Protestant extremists to use Scotland as a conduit for arms supplies. Several of the Protestant terrorist groups in Northern Ireland have strong links with supporters based in Glasgow.

3% deal accepted

Shop-floor workers at the Leyland vehicles operation in Lancashire have accepted the management's new pay and conditions deal

The 4,000 employees affected voted by a large majority yesterday to agree to a 3 per cent annual pay rise and conditions that included 1,800 lay-offs by Christmas.

The about-turn came after the managing director, Mr George Simpson, urged staff to reconsider the deal to ensure the company's survival.

Postal defence

The Post Office yesterday rejected criticism that customers have not benefited from the past two years of record profitability. It said in a statement there had been "a period of price stability unparalleled in recent times," coupled with increasing efficiency in letters delivery.

"If postal prices had gone up in line with the Retail Price Index during the two years, customers would have paid £100 million more than they have for their post." The Post Office was handling more mail than ever.

Ex-vicar dies in jail

The Rev Jan Borg Knoss, who was due to stand trial on 28 charges of indecency next month, was found dead in his cell in Hull jail on Sunday night (Ian Smith writes). It is understood he died of natural causes.

Mr Knoss, aged 53, resigned as vicar of St Michael's, Orchard Park Estate, Hull, seven months ago and was later accused of the offences, alleged to involve children he met during his church work. Mr Knoss twice refused church leaders' pleas to resign from his parish to protect the good name of the church. The Archbishop of York, Dr John Habgood, personally intervened in the case, describing the cleric as a warm, demonstrative man whose actions could be easily misunderstood.

Morley jailed



Stephen Morley, described in Nottingham Crown Court by a consultant psychiatrist as a "pathological gambler", was sentenced to 15 months, two-thirds to be suspended, for theft and deception charges yesterday.

Morley, aged 23, of College Road, Dulwich, south-east London, had denied getting £10,000 from Mr Malcolm Brunt, claiming he would put the cash in investment bonds. Instead he paid off an overdraft and put a deposit on a car.

Memorial to PC

A granite memorial to PC Keith Blakelock will be unveiled by Mr Neil Kinnock, the Labour Party leader, in the centre of Muswell Hill, north London — the constable's home beat — on November 21. PC Blakelock died during the riot in Tottenham last year.

But at the request of the officer's widow, Mrs Elizabeth Blakelock, Mr Bernie Grant, the left-wing leader of Haringey council, has not been invited. After the riots, Mr Grant was reported to have said that the police got a "bloody good hiding".

Mr Michael Winner, the film director who is chairman of the Police Memorial Trust, said "Mrs Blakelock felt it would be embarrassing."

BBC was told Panorama case was crumbling

Libel pay-out 'warning' unheeded

By Jonathan Miller
Media Correspondent

The BBC received legal advice four months ago that it was likely to lose the *Panorama* libel case brought by two Conservative MPs, but the BBC Board of Governors was not informed that its defence had started to fall apart, according to authoritative sources.

It was just two weeks ago, as the trial got underway in the High Court, that Mr Alasdair Milne, Director General, approached the acting chairman of the governors, Lord Barnett, and told him that a settlement was unavoidable.

Lord Barnett was said by the sources to be shaken by the news. He took the matter before the Board of Governors, who had no other choice but to authorize Mr Milne to conclude an out-of-court agreement that cost the BBC £500,000.

A year ago, after the BBC settled for £1 million a libel case brought by a Harley Street doctor, the BBC's governors demanded a monthly report on litigation involving the corporation.

The sources said that at a series of meetings with BBC lawyers in June, one of those lawyers put the odds of victory in the *Panorama* case at no more than 40 per cent.

But the monthly litigation reports did not prepare the governors for the news that their defence in the *Panorama* case was anything other than "rock solid".

Mr Milne yesterday maintained his silence about the circumstances surrounding the BBC's abrupt decision to surrender its libel defence.

Others in the BBC were giving two versions of the reasons why Mr Milne dropped his stalwart defence of the *Panorama* team.

One held that Mr Milne became convinced that he had been misled by his subordinates, and began to doubt that the evidence which it was claimed substantiated the programme would be available when the time came for the court case.

The other held that the BBC would have been able to go ahead with its defence had it not been for the refusal of 13 witnesses to tell in court the stories they were said to have given to *Panorama* researchers.

Allegations in a number of newspapers recently that the witnesses reneged on their original statements after being approached by Conservative Party officials were yesterday described as preposterous by Mr Neil Hamilton, Conservative MP for Tatton in Cheshire.

Mr Hamilton, who accepted damages, costs and an unreserved apology from the BBC for the claim by *Panorama* that he was a right-wing extremist who had secretly infiltrated the Conservative Party, called on the Attorney General to investigate fully the allegations.

He said it was preposterous to believe that the Conservative Party could persuade 13 witnesses to perjure themselves.

Ridley in hot seat over rates support

By Philip Webster
Chief Political Correspondent

Mr Nicholas Ridley, the Secretary of State for the Environment, faces a grilling from Conservative MPs this week over his plans for the allocation of the Rate Support Grant.

He has agreed to go before a meeting of the backbench Environment Committee on Thursday night to defend his proposals. Conservative MPs are threatening a big revolt and some ministers believe Mr Ridley may be forced to change his strategy.

The minister is trying to head off any rebellion by seeing members whose areas are adversely affected by his proposed settlement, but MPs appear to be in no mood to back down.

They plan to tell him that he will have to redraw his proposals to avoid a revolt even bigger than that last year when more than 50 Tories withheld their support from the Government.

Protests are continuing to pour into the Conservative whips' office from MPs, with seats in southern shire counties, who claim their constituents will be up to 6 per cent worse off than those in other parts of the country.

Mr John Heddle, chairman of the Environment Committee and chairman of the party's National Local Government Committee, fixed Thursday's meeting immediately after a stormy session of the backbench 1922 committee last week when, one after another, Tory MPs rose to attack Mr Ridley's package.

Mr Heddle has since written to all Conservative MPs asking them to attend the meeting, so that Mr Ridley can hear the opinions of as wide a cross-section of the party as possible.

Mr David Madel, MP for South West Bedfordshire, yesterday sent to Mr John Wakeham, the Chief Whip, and Mr Ridley a letter he received from the Conservative group leader on Bedfordshire county council, protesting sharply about the planned allocation of grants.



Mr Jeffrey Archer in reflective mood yesterday in the garden of his home at Grantchester, near Cambridge, a day after his resignation as deputy chairman of the Conservative Party

Knowsley North by-election

Howarth 'ran from Militant'

By Richard Evans, Political Correspondent

The moderate candidate hand-picked by the Labour Party's national leaders to fight the Knowsley North by-election was yesterday branded a "quitter" who had previously run away from the locally-entrenched Militant Tendency.

Miss Rosemary Cooper, the Alliance contestant, predicted that if Mr George Howarth held the Merseyside seat for Labour he would be a caretaker MP, quickly ousted by Militant once the election was over.

She said that Mr Howarth, deputy leader of Knowsley council until 1983, when he left for Wales, had fled local politics because of pressure from Militant locally. After starting out as anti-Militant he had been "ground down" by the Trotskyist sect. "He quit," she claimed.

"Mr Howarth was chosen by Neil Kinnock as his acceptable moderate, the one he wanted to impose on the constituency. If a quitter, someone who ran away when under pressure from Militant to go to Cardiff and then represented a Knowsley ward from Cardiff, is the kind of man Mr Kinnock thinks is the best he can offer, he is going to be in for a shock."

She said that Militant had agreed privately to back Mr Howarth so as to prevent the local constituency party from being disbanded, planning to "hijack" him later.

Mr Howarth did not have the "guts, tenacity or backbone" to stand up to Militant.

With the Alliance clearly determined to make political capital out of Labour extremism, Miss Cooper said that the only way Mr Kinnock could tackle Militant's role in the area was to disband the North-West Labour Party, which covers 74 constituencies, for 10 years, and transfer the party headquarters to the area so "he can watch every move".

Miss Cooper added: "People out on the street are very worried about the Labour Party in the North-West, which they see as Militant-dominated. Militant are actually pulling the strings."

If Mr Howarth won the by-election he would have to work with the very people who had made life a misery for Mr Robert Kilroy-Silk, the former Labour MP who resigned after claiming to be hounded by Militant, she said.

The Liberals highlighted a leaflet circulated in the constituency this week by Militant which publicizes a public meeting it is organizing on Thursday. The leaflet claims that the Labour NEC decision to impose Mr Howarth as a candidate endangered the Labour vote.

Mr Howarth later strenuously denied he had run away from Militant Tendency when he took up a job with a TUC-sponsored Co-op Centre in Cardiff. He stayed on the council after moving to Cardiff in 1984 at the request of his ward party and had ceased to be deputy leader long before he found the new job.

"I have never run from the Militants. I have been opposed to them since I was in the Young Socialists in the 1960s

General election: R. Kilroy-Silk (Lab) 24,949; A. Birch (C) 7,758; B. McGuigan (SDP, Alli) 5,716; J. Simons (WRP) 246. Maj 17,191.

Kinnock finishes party purge in Liverpool

By Our Chief Political Correspondent

Mr Neil Kinnock last night completed his purge against the Militant leaders of Liverpool when the national executive committee voted to expel the secretary of the Liverpool District Labour Party.

The decision to remove Ms Felicity Dowling from the party came by an 11-to-seven vote at the end of a seven-hour session of the NEC in London.

She is the ninth and last member of the district party to be expelled in an operation which has dominated the party's affairs for a year.

The other eight, led by Mr Derek Hatton and Mr Tony Mulhearn, had their expulsions confirmed by the party conference in Blackpool last month when they declined the opportunity to appeal.

The NEC has meanwhile agreed new moves to bring the Liverpool Labour group into line after the refusal of most of its members to recognize the expulsion of Mr Hatton, its deputy leader.

It is to arrange a new meeting of Liverpool Labour councillors to reconstitute the group. Invitations will be extended only to members who have declared they are prepared to abide by party rules.

Warning to print unions

By Tim Jones

Members of Fleet Street print unions were warned yesterday that they would be in breach of individual contracts of employment if they decided to halt national newspaper production in support of colleagues affected by the dispute with News International.

The proposal to shut down the newspapers not affected by the nine-month dispute has been adopted as official policy by the left-dominated clerical branch of Sogat '82.

But last night, Mr John Le Page, director of the Newspaper Publishers Association, said: "It is hard to believe that the branch could even consider this action."

If any section of Sogat, the biggest union involved in the dispute, took action without a ballot, then it could face damaging action demands for financial compensation through the courts.

The dispute started when 5,500 print union members formerly employed by the company went on strike and were dismissed. Meanwhile Mr Tony Dubbins, general secretary of the National Graphical Association, the other main print union involved in the dispute, last night demanded an urgent meeting of the TUC to consider claims that Mr Tom Rice, national secretary of the electricians' union, EEPTU, visited newspaper plants in the United States with a consultant to Mr Rupert Murdoch, chairman of News International, months before the dispute began.

Mr Dubbins said: "It is now four days since the serious charges came to light. In spite of a call from us to the EETPU to issue an immediate denial, not a word has been said.

Mr Dubbins said he would demand that the TUC's finance and general purposes committee should "get to the truth".

A TUC spokesman said that the request would be considered.

The claim that Mr Rice toured American newspaper plants is contained in a book, *The End of the Street*, by Linda Melvern.

● *The Daily Telegraph* has started talks about taking over a new building to move its editorial, marketing and administrative staff to the Isle of Dogs, in London's docklands.

Conflict over poll for RIBA president

By Charles Knevitt
Architecture Correspondent

The Electoral Reform Society may be called in to oversee voting procedures for the presidency of the Royal Institute of British Architects, after allegations of irregularities over lobbying and the issuing of ballot papers to those not entitled to vote.

A ballot is being held among the 26,000 members of the institute. They have a choice between Mr Raymond Andrews, who was selected by the RIBA Council, and Mr Rod Hackney, the community architect and adviser to the Prince of Wales.

Mr Arthur Hallam, a retired architect living in the Isle of Man who has been a member of RIBA for more than 40 years, said yesterday that he was concerned because he had received a letter from Mr Andrews before receiving the ballot papers which include a manifesto from each candidate.

Mr Hallam said he thought the conduct of the poll should be investigated and supported a call for the Electoral Reform Society to be brought in.

Another architect, in Leicester, has received voting papers even though he wrote to the institute resigning his membership earlier this year.

Mr Patrick Harrison, the RIBA Secretary, said a core of members were used as scrutineers to ensure a fair election, and that occasionally outsiders such as the society were also used. "That is ultimately the decision for me, and I have no objection at all", he said.

He said that it was "not beyond the bounds of possibility" that some voting papers had mistakenly been mailed to those not entitled to vote. He numbered such cases as "in tens, at most". He promised to look into the matter.

Mr Hackney yesterday supported the involvement of the society "in the interests of fair play". Mr Andrews was not available for comment.

Split over teachers' cash deal

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over their share of next year's rate support grant settlement, are also putting pressure on ministers to head off a classroom pay explosion.

The increasingly turbulent nature of local politics, seen in the activities of hard-left Labour councils openly defying Whitehall, is a further headache for Mr Baker.

His colleagues, like him determined to avoid a "something for nothing" deal, are asking how he can guarantee that all the local education authorities - the teachers' employers - will ensure that the unions deliver their side of the bargain and end disruption.

If Mr Baker can win Cabinet backing for his new package, it will probably be tabled at a two-day meeting of the local authorities and the teacher unions in Nottingham on the second weekend of November.

A possible avenue for announcing new money for teachers' pay is the Chancellor's autumn statement, though the Baker plan is not understood to be part of the Public Expenditure Survey Committee, now being finalized by a star chamber of senior ministers.

The first phase of the teachers' pay dispute in England and Wales began in February 1985 and ran for 15 months before being halted by an interim peace formula which led to the outline Coventry agreement in July. That was repudiated by the NAS/UWT and has still to be finalized.

Rover cash has to wait

No allocation of extra money for the troubled Rover Group has been made in the budget for the Department of Trade and Industry, which has now been approved by the star chamber, Whitehall sources said yesterday.

Further state help would not be considered until the end of the year.

New Bill will fight pollution on the Broads

Strong new powers to prevent pollution on the Norfolk Broads, and to restrict encroachment by landowners, are to be provided in a Bill to be introduced in Parliament next month (Philip Webster writes).

The Bill is similar to one promoted last year by Norfolk County Council which failed to make parliamentary progress for procedural reasons. The Government undertook then to act itself and Mr William Waldegrave, the Minister for Environment, Countryside and Planning, has won Cabinet approval for an immediate Bill.

● More than £500,000 is being spent to buy the 366-acre reclaimed Halvergate Marshes near Great Yarmouth and return them to a wild area to attract hundreds of thousands of birds.

The Royal Society for the Protection of Birds intends to restore the conditions which drew redshanks, oyster catchers and snipe to the now-drained area.

Charities urge action to halt hypothermia

By Jill Sherman

Voluntary organizations have called on the Government to take immediate steps to prevent another surge in cold-related deaths among the elderly and very young this winter.

In a letter to three Secretaries of State — for Energy, the Environment, and Health and Social Services — seven organizations, headed by Neighbourhood Energy Action, gave warning that cash payments alone were not enough.

"We must also ensure that the homes of elderly people and other vulnerable groups, such as poor families, are well-insulated and effectively heated", the letter said.

Blockages still affecting the replacement of single payments for draught proofing should be removed, and further resources made available for improvement grants for more extensive home insulation and heating systems, the group, which includes Help the Aged, Age Concern and Child Poverty Action Group, said.

The organizations claim that after announcements about the replacement of single payments by the cash-limited Social Fund, yet to be introduced, local benefit offices have held back on open-ended payments.

The organizations called on British Gas, the Electricity Council and the Department of Energy to respond sympathetically to those faced with fuel debts.

The letter calls on the Government to contribute to a publicity campaign to ensure that those at risk from the cold claimed benefits due.

● Reductions in housing benefit announced by Mr Norman Fowler, Secretary of State for Social Services, last week will mean actual cuts in benefit for one million households, SHAC, the London Housing Aid Centre, claimed yesterday. Most of the losers would be pensioners and families on low incomes.

Cabinet assesses Syrian threat

By Michael Evans
Whitehall Correspondent

A day-by-day assessment of the risks facing potential British targets after the conviction on terrorist charges of Nezar Hindawi and the breaking of diplomatic relations with Syria is being carried out by the Cabinet Office's Joint Intelligence Committee.

Hindawi's imprisonment brings to 74 the number of Category "A" prisoners convicted of terrorism, including the IRA, who are serving their sentences in British prisons.

Intelligence sources admitted yesterday that although Britain had been on a high state of alert because of the terrorist threat for at least two years, the jailing of Hindawi for 45 years had increased the risks.

The Joint Intelligence Committee, which reports directly to the Prime Minister, is studying the raw intelligence material from all sources and providing up-to-date interpretation and analysis.

It was evidence supplied by MI5, the security service, and GCHQ, the Government's communications centre at Cheltenham, that persuaded Mrs Margaret Thatcher and Sir Geoffrey Howe, the Foreign Secretary, to take strong action against the Syrian Government.

Although the official backing given to Hindawi is not in doubt, it is now seen as possible that the operation was solely the responsibility of Brigadier General Mohammed al-Khouli, chief of the Syrian Air Force intelligence service

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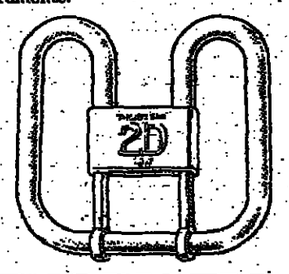
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Social workers 'could not have prevented killing of Tyra Henry'

A child's death at the hands of her "brutal, murderous and violent" father would not necessarily have been prevented by more attention from social workers, an inquiry into the death was told yesterday.

Miss Elizabeth Lawson, counsel for the seven-member panel hearing the case, said that the abuse of Tyra Henry was not typical of such cases and showed none of the signs normally picked up by child care workers.

Tyra was aged 21 months when she was bitten and battered to death by Andrew Neil, her father, in September 1984. He is now serving a life sentence for murder.

Miss Lawson told the inquiry at Lambeth Town Hall, south London: "It seems important to emphasize that no failure by social services or any other agency would have made the slightest difference if Andrew Neil had not been a man of savage, violent temper."

Miss Lawson said that there was nothing to suggest the attack on Tyra was a build-up of involuntary pressure, as was commonly found in child abuse cases.

"There is no pattern of unexplained injuries to the child stretching back over many weeks or months. There is nothing to suggest that this was some sort of cry for help," she said.

Miss Lawson said that if social workers had continued with their regular visits to the family, they would still not necessarily have been able to prevent her horrific fatal injuries.

They might have found out that Neil had returned, although he had previously parted from Miss Claudette Henry, Tyra's mother.

Miss Lawson asked the inquiry, which is chaired by Mr Stephen Sedley QC, to consider whether Tyra's case would have been treated any differently if she had not been black. One of the questions panel members should ask themselves what whether the council's policy on black children in care had had any effect.

The social services department at Lambeth worked from a good practice guide for dealing with black families

Earlier, Miss Lawson outlined the history surrounding Tyra's case, her father's criminal record, his stormy relationship with Miss Henry and, most significantly, the fate of Tyrone, Tyra's elder brother.

He was beaten so badly that he was blinded and suffered brain damage and broken limbs. Neil was convicted of cruelty but the conviction was later quashed.

Tyrone was put into care, but when Tyra was born she was allowed to remain with her mother even though social workers suspected she was still seeing Neil.

Miss Henry and Mrs Beatrice Henry, her mother, have refused to give evidence.

The National Association of Local Government Officers, which objected to the selection of two of the panel members, has also refused to co-operate.

The hearing was adjourned until today.



The Princess of Wales with the pop singer and actress Toyah Willcox at yesterday's Women of the Year Luncheon at the Savoy. The main speaker, Mrs Coretta King, widow of Dr Martin Luther King, was too ill to attend and her speech was sent on video. Other speakers were Miss Willcox and Miss Kate Adie, a BBC special correspondent.

Cell death man 'hit by police in past'

The mother of a teenager who died in police custody told an inquest yesterday that her son had been beaten up by police more than a year before.

Raymond Moran, aged 19, died on January 23 this year after a struggle with officers outside Southport police station. His death started riots in the Merseyside seaside town.

Mrs Bridget Moran told the hearing at Whiston, Mer-seyside, that her son needed hospital treatment between 12 and 15 months before his death "for injuries which he attributed to being beaten up by police officers".

Mr Gordon Glasgow, North Merseyside coroner, told the inquest that on the night of his death Mr Moran and three other men were asked to leave a Southport nightclub after complaints about interference with women's handbags.

He said they were arrested outside a chip shop near by and taken to Southport police station. "When Raymond was being taken out of the van, a struggle ensued and he collapsed."

The coroner said an ambulance was called but Mr Moran was dead on arrival at Southport Infirmary.

Dr John Benstead, a Home Office pathologist, said Mr Moran died as a result of inhaling vomit. "His body showed no signs of any beating. The injuries were not consistent with him being severely beaten or kicked immediately prior to his death."

Mr Peter Jackson, who was also arrested and put into the same police van, said that as he was being led into Southport police station he heard someone, he thought it was Mr Moran, screaming. "The policemen were hitting this person with their fists and feet," he said.

The inquest is expected to last two weeks.

Stop the office sex pest, union demands

By Tim Jones

The Government was urged yesterday to act against the bottom pinching, pawing, leering, and lewd and lascivious remarks to which women at work are subjected.

Britain's third largest union has also urged its negotiators to seek clauses in agreements with employers which recognize that sexual harassment "threatens women's jobs, promotion and training opportunities, health and well-being".

The General, Municipal, Boilermakers and Allied Trades Union describes such harassment as "any unwanted sexual advance, such as unnecessary touching or petting, suggestive remarks or other verbal abuse, leering at a woman's body, suggestive invitations, demands for sexual favours, or physical assault".

In its report on women workers in the food and drinks industry, the union says every effort should be made to discipline or transfer the harassers, not the harassed women.

According to the report, 16 years after the Equal Pay Act, average wages for women workers in the industry are still less than two-thirds of men's.

Mr John Edmonds, general secretary, said there was a similar pattern of discrimination against women in other industries. The Government should "stop employers making a complete mockery of equal pay legislation".

The report discovered occupational segregation in the food and drink industry, fewer chances for women to earn overtime or bonus payments, and fewer employment rights for women because many were part-time workers.

It also said that new technology caused job losses with further discrimination against women.

One section of the report said that food additives were a particular risk for women, with a least ten of the most common being suspected of causing reproductive hazards.

Dead child 'had 127 bruises'

A young mother offered to take the blame for bruises to her daughter if her common law husband allowed her to call an ambulance, a murder trial jury was told yesterday.

Miss Julie Morris, aged 22, returned home and found the body of her daughter Amy, aged three, lying naked on the hearth rug in the living room.

Amy, who had 127 separate bruises on her body, had drowned in a bath while Michael Hindle was looking after her, Nottingham Crown Court was told.

Miss Morris said she returned to her home in Alexandra Street, Warsop, Nottinghamshire, last January to find the doors locked.

Mr John Milmo, QC, for the prosecution, said that Mr Hindle, aged 21, who denies murdering Amy, let her in but did not want her to call an ambulance.

Sobbing, Miss Morris told the jury: "He kept saying 'No, no, no. She's going to be all right.'

"He said, 'help me Julie. Help me to bring her back'."

She said they then mentioned bruising to Amy's body. "I said 'I'm not bothered about the bruising, just let me go and get an ambulance'."

Miss Morris then told the jury that she promised to say she had caused the bruising if Mr Hindle allowed her to get the ambulance.

Mr Milmo said Amy had died from drowning, but a pathologist had found 127 separate bruises on her body.

Some were recent but some could have been caused up to three weeks earlier.

Mr Milmo said Mr Hindle had moved in with Miss Morris and Amy last summer. At first he got on well with the child, but later smacked her and chastised her for what Miss Morris considered were only little things she had done wrong.

Miss Morris told the court she had once seen Mr Hindle hit Amy with his fist in the stomach, and also that he had grabbed her by the jaws with both hands which left bruising.

Mr Hindle, a mineworker, has also pleaded not guilty to child cruelty against Amy and to assault causing actual bodily harm.

The trial continues today.

'Bambi unlikely to have killed family'

By Michael Horsnell

The judge in the Bamber murder trial told the jury yesterday that it was unlikely that the slightly built Mrs Sheila Caffell, the former London model known as "Bambi", killed her father.

Mr Justice Drake said in his summing up that whoever killed Nevill Bamber, aged 61, clearly fought him first and used the butt of the murder rifle to inflict serious injuries upon him.

But his adopted daughter, who was originally suspected by police of murder and suicide, was small and fairly slight while her father was a 6ft 4in farmer.

The judge said: "These things are not conclusive but points to it being very very unlikely indeed that she fought and overcame that tough farmer, who managed to go on fighting apparently even with a number of wounds."

The jury spent five hours considering its verdict before being sent to a hotel for the night on the eighteenth day of the trial at Chelmsford Crown Court.

Mr Justice Drake said that if Jeremy Bamber, aged 25, was the killer he had ample time after the killings to get home, clean himself and make himself presentable before alerting the police.

According to the defence version of events, Mr Nevill Bamber would have had to endure his wounds, engage in a fight and be killed, after which Mrs Caffell would have had to have killed the other members of her family before detaching the silencer from the murder weapon, hide it in her father's gun cupboard, return upstairs, wash herself and kill herself all in 22 minutes.

The judge added that Mrs Caffell, aged 27, was "quite clearly a disturbed woman who did from time to time suffer relapses".

Nevertheless, Dr Hugh Ferguson, her consultant psychiatrist, had told the court he found no reason to believe she was or ever would be violent.

The psychiatrist had also said that he did not think she could have killed her twin sons, Nicholas and Daniel, aged six.

The judge told the jury that Mrs Caffell bore no marks from a fight with her father and that her fingernails and hands were undamaged from the shootings.

He reminded the jury of the blood found inside the silencer which had penetrated to at least the fifth baffle and said that it was of the same group as hers, and of none of the other deceased.

Mr Justice Drake said that Miss Julie Mugford, aged 22, Mr Bamber's former girlfriend, denied that she gave evidence as a woman scorned.

He said that if there were no other evidence the jury would have to treat hers with caution but, he said, they did have other evidence.

Council to rethink on coaching

By Craig Seton

A Labour council is to reconsider an education directive which Conservatives claimed was a "Marxist" ban on bright pupils being prepared for places in grammar schools.

Birmingham's education committee was condemned for warning the heads of the city's 300 primary schools that they faced disciplinary action if they gave extra help to children with grammar school potential.

Yesterday, Mr Les Byron, the chairman of the education committee, who admitted that he had failed the 11-plus, ordered that the ban be re-examined after protests. But he said the committee's policy had been misunderstood and denied that he was prejudiced against gifted children.

He said the council's policy to prevent extra coaching for children seeking places at the city's eight grammar schools was supported by the Conservatives and remained unchanged.

The directive did not prevent teachers giving help or advice to parents about whether their children had a chance of getting to grammar school.

He said: "As long as the Conservatives are in Government, there will be grammar schools and we will ensure that our relationship with them is properly conducted. Our concern is to see that all children get a full education."

Conservative MPs in Birmingham asked Mr Kenneth Baker, the Secretary of State for Education and Science, to intervene while Mr David Hart, general secretary of the National Association of Head Teachers, said his members would oppose such an instruction.

Maxwell promise on games

Mr Robert Maxwell, chairman of the Commonwealth Games Company, said yesterday that he would settle outstanding debts totalling nearly £4 million as soon as donations promised to the Games Appeal Fund have been received.

Speaking at a directors' meeting in east London, he said the settlement of the company's remaining liabilities was subject only to the owners of the Fund Raising Consortium, Saatchi and Saatchi and Arthur Young Chartered Accountants, giving the appeal about £300,000.

Mr Maxwell admitted in September that he needed £4 million to settle outstanding debts. He said the games had cost more than £17 million. In October he threatened to put the company into voluntary liquidation if the Government did not provide money to wipe out the £3.5 million deficit.

But yesterday he said that the company was awaiting a £1.5 million donation promised jointly by the Edinburgh District Council, Edinburgh University, the Lothian Regional Council, Trust House Forte, GKN, Clyde Canvas, Group Four, and GA Group.

Together with £2 million pledged by Mr Maxwell and the Japanese benefactor, Mr Ryoichi Sasakawa, the company would then be able to pay 100p in the pound to all the creditors.

Mr Maxwell said: "In spite of our disappointment that the Government has declined to make any financial contribution to the the Commonwealth Games Appeal, it is a matter of great satisfaction and credit to all concerned .....that we now expect to meet our obligation in full".

He announced, however, that the games offices was being closed to save costs. Meanwhile, the Games Appeal Fund remains open.

Man accused of killing boy

Gary Owen Whelan, aged 19, a shoe worker of Woodbridge Street, Clerkenwell, central London, was remanded in custody yesterday until November 3 by Clerkenwell magistrates charged with the murder of Tony McGrane, aged 13.

The boy's mutilated body was found last week in a lock-up garage on the Triangle Estate, Clerkenwell. There was no application for bail.

Student rioter is jailed

A student was jailed for five years at the Central Criminal Court yesterday for hurling rocks at police during last year's riots at Tottenham in north London.

The head of Haringey council's police research unit, Mr Nicholas Wright, and a local black community leader, Mr Arthur Lawrence, had given evidence in his defence and had criticized police tactics on the Broadwater Farm Estate, scene of the rioting.

Clifton Donaldson, aged 23, an accounts student, of Stapleford, on the estate, who was photographed by police as he was masked, carrying a stick and about to throw a rock, was convicted of affray.

He claimed that he was acting in self-defence.

Judge Neil Denison, QC, told Donaldson that the evidence against him was overwhelming. "I suspect you have contested this case under pressure from others who are not concerned with your best interests. Because of that I can make some reduction in your sentence", he said.

Fifty-eight other defendants have still to be tried on charges connected with the riots on October 6 last year in which a policeman was killed.

A dose of English prescribed

By a Staff Reporter

Millions of pounds could be saved in the National Health Service if labels on pill and medicine bottles were written in simple English, the Plain English Campaign claimed yesterday.

The organization said that up to £300 million of the £1,181 million spent each year on prescription medicines may be wasted because patients do not take their medicines correctly, if at all.

Some of these patients returned to their doctors, their prescriptions having apparently failed, and were given stronger drugs.

Recent research had shown that plain English wording could make one in every 20 prescriptions more effective

"More important, such wordings could even reduce unpleasant side effects and even deaths which have occurred through patients misunderstanding instructions," the group claimed.

It is now calling on the Mr Antony Newton, Minister of State for Health, to review the statutory wordings on medical labels and to introduce a pilot test of plain English dosage and cautionary wordings.

Coal jobs go

British Coal is to close the coke plant at Nantgarw, near Cardiff, with the loss of 190 jobs, it was announced yesterday, a fortnight after the announcement that the Nantgarw pit near by was to close with the loss of 550 jobs.

Woman bound over again

Mrs Jenny Mogford, a Bristol divorcée who fell in love with her solicitor and continuously pestered him, pleaded guilty yesterday to gaining a £7.50 taxi ride by deception to his house the day after being bound over to keep the peace.

She was bound over again by magistrates at Long Ashton, near Bristol, to keep the peace for six months and given a two-year probation order for the deception charge on condition she got medical help.

Damp start for the buses on deregulation day

By Rodney Cowton
Transport Correspondent

Many people had a dismal start to their day yesterday as they joined 10 million in the morning rush-hour who were trying their deregulated local bus services for the first time

It was not just that it was raining, there was also the difficulty of recognizing buses in new colour schemes, or with changed numbers and using bus stops on which the numbers had not been changed.

There was also the problem of inadequate supplies of timetables — on Merseyside it was reported that even some drivers did not have them. There were reports from Yorkshire and the West Country of people allowing their bus to go by because they did not recognize it.

It was the first full-scale test of the reorganized bus industry in which competition is being introduced under the provisions of the Transport Act 1985.

The most frequent comment appeared to be that it was a "damp squib" — that the overall impact on passengers was slight. But that was not true in all areas.

In Liverpool, buses were operating up to an hour late. When passengers got aboard, in some cases they found there had been a 50 per cent fare increase. Only half the new timetables had been printed

Mr Gwyn Thomas, managing director of Merseybus, admitted the new system had been rushed through too quickly.

"We had a target date which we had to achieve and obviously we have had to make last-minute adjustments. I think this is the main reason we have not had timetables completed and made available. Up until last week we still did not know all the routes we would be operating.

"My main regret is the fare rise. We have not wanted to raise fares but we were forced to because before fares were subsidized, but we have lost that now."

In West Yorkshire a considerable amount of confusion was reported. Some buses failed to arrive and timetables were not available in many areas.

Three companies offered services on the Leeds to Morley route, but it seemed too much for the number of passengers, with some buses empty even at the rush hour. In Bradford and Ilkley services were affected by a strike at the Otley depot of the West Yorkshire Road Car Company.

One success was in Lincoln, where the introduction of a fleet of green and white taxis appeared to be welcomed by passengers. The taxis tour along bus routes picking up a maximum of six passengers.



Some people chase beer with whisky. Others prefer to do it the other way around. But how could you use a Cutty Sark to chase a man on horseback?

Robert Burns did it. First, he wrote about a farmer called Tam o'Shanter and his grey mare Meg. Then he had them ride past a church one miserable night while the premises were suspiciously bright and noisy.

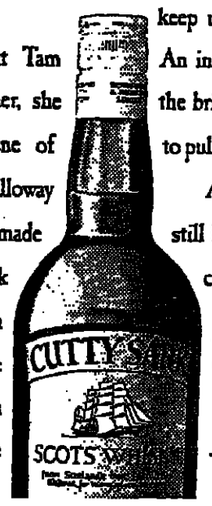
To thicken the plot, Burns introduced a witch. He describes her as being young, beautiful and clad only in a cutty sark (a short shirt, to the Scots of that century).

For sport, she would destroy crops, shoot cattle and lure ships onto the rocks.

But the night that Tam o'Shanter encountered her, she was dancing to the tune of Satan's bagpipes in Alloway church. Tam thought she made a lovely sight. Cutty Sark thought Tam would make a lovely corpse. So the chase was on. If he hadn't been astride his horse, he'd have been done for. As it was, Cutty Sark pressed hard on their heels all the way to a nearby bridge. Safety lay on the other side, as witches can't cross running water.

But they can run fast enough to keep up with a galloping horse. An instant before Meg reached the bridge, Cutty Sark managed to pull off her tail.

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Labour plea for miners dismissed in the strike

COAL INDUSTRY

Labour MPs made renewed calls during Commons question time for an end to what they described as the victimization of dismissed miners in the wake of the strike.

Since the end of the miners' strike the total number of men on colliery books had fallen by 46,732 to 125,631, Mr David Hunt, Under-Secretary of State for Energy, said in reply to Mr William Hamilton (Central Fife, Lab) who said the figures were disturbing.

Mr Hamilton added: The number of men who have been victimized by British Coal, although guilty of no offence before the courts, is a measure of victimization which is indefensible by any standards.

Will the minister make representations, particularly to the Scottish management, to cease this kind of victimization in the interests of improved industrial relations?

Mr Hunt: The question of dismissed miners is a matter for the management of British Coal, which is now taking urgent measures to ensure coal is more competitive.

He talks about reductions in numbers of jobs, but would he please recall that between 1964 and 1970 under Labour governments manpower in Scotland went down from 54,600 to 30,200, a significant reduction of 24,400.

Mr Geoffrey Lofthoose (Pontefract and Castleford, Lab) asked what loss of manpower the coal board was budgeting for in 1987-88 and, if that target was not reached by voluntary redundancies, would they have to be compulsory?

Mr Hunt: He is right to highlight the fact that there have been no compulsory redundancies and that remains the policy of British Coal.

Mr John Heddle (Mid Staffordshire, C) praised the miners in his own constituency, who, he said, had continued to work throughout the strike in spite of the most vicious victimization.

Mr Hunt: The workforce should know there is one party that has not forgotten the tremendous debt owed by this country to those working miners who kept the industry in being through that unnecessary and tragic strike.

Mr Dennis Canavan (Falkirk West, Lab): There are still outstanding cases of miners unfairly dismissed during the strike who took their cases to industrial tribunals and won, yet they have not been given their jobs back because of the intransigence of the coal board.

Will the minister therefore tell the chairman of British Coal that it is about time these men were reinstated in the interests of natural justice

Mr Hunt: There were over 1,000 miners dismissed as a direct result of the strike and over half, 527, have since been taken back by the board.

The chairman of British Coal recently announced his intention to have a final internal review to look at all outstanding cases of alleged unfair dismissal and that is a matter for British Coal to determine.

Mr Richard Douglas (Dunfermline West, Lab): In the interests of good industrial relations it is absolutely essential that the new director in Scotland takes an active part in removing the stigma of the victimized miners to get back to stability and good understanding.

Mr Hunt: I think there is some humbug in the Labour Party failing to recognize there were many significant job losses in the coal industry before we came into office and, under this Government, the industry is regaining its rightful competitive placein the energy market.

Mr Stanley Orme, chief Opposition spokesman on energy: There is still great concern about reinstatement of sacked miners in the coal fields. He said there is going to be an internal review.

Will it also consider cases of miners who have won their cases at the industrial tribunal because, if not, natural justice will not be carried out?

Mr Hunt: The chairman of British Coal is not going to put himself in the place of an industrial tribunal in seeking to review the decisions already made. He is willing to have a final internal review to look at all outstanding cases of dismissal.

I wish Mr Orme would join us in making it clear that no one convicted of serious violence, harassment or intimidation or breaches of mines and quarries legislation will be taken back. That is British Coal's position and it has every right to Mr Orme's support from time to time.



The Foreign Secretary, Sir Geoffrey Howe, greeting EEC foreign ministers at the opening of talks in Luxembourg yesterday dominated by Britain's call for punitive action against Syria.

Pit production up by more than half, says Walker

During the past four weeks there had been record productivity by the miners, Mr Peter Walker, Secretary of State for Energy, announced during Commons questions.

He pointed out later that between 1974 and 1978, under the Labour Government, production had fallen every year.

He said that for the week ended October 11, average output a man-shift was 3.48 tonnes, a huge 55 per cent improvement over the average of 2.24 tonnes achieved in 1978-79.

That continued growth in productivity demonstrated the determination of all concerned in the industry to succeed in the face of severe competition, he said.

He was replying to Mr James Couchman (Gillingham, C), who said the remarkable figures justified completely the enthusiasm of the National Coal Board to pay by results rather than submit to an annual round of blackmail by the National Union of Mineworkers. Those who worked through the strike had produced some of the very best results.

Mr Walker: Yes. The men who obtained these very fine figures obtain the financial benefit for doing so.

Mr Allen McKay (Barnsley West and Penistone, Lab) said that productivity had risen for many reasons, including investment under the last Government.

Would Mr Walker look at the investment that took place in collieries that had subsequently closed, with a view to writing off that capital cost. It was now becoming a burden on the collieries that remained open.

Mr Walker said one had to review the financial background of the balance sheet of the coal board as time went on. He promised that it would be reviewed.

Mr Kevin Barron (Rother Valley, Lab) said some of Mr Walker's colleagues had tried to stop the development of the South Warwickshire coalfield.



Mr Walker, who praised the miners.

Mr Walker said that he wanted to improve the performance of existing pits. That must be a very high priority and it had been under this Government.

Mr Michael Morris (Northampton South, C) said morale among ordinary miners must be at a high point. What the ordinary miner wanted was peace in the pits and good firm managership from British Coal.

Mr Walker said he regretted that the rationalization of the whole industry had resulted in closures and voluntary redundancies. The new enterprise company had already provided almost 11,000 new jobs in the coal mining communities.

Mr Peter Hardy (Wentworth, Lab) asked Mr Walker to support the greater use of coal in Britian. The Government should be more insistent on achieving greater exports markets in Europe.

Mr Walker said the price must be competitive.

Mr Alexander Eadie, an Opposition spokesman on energy, said it was proper to pay due notice to the increase in output achieved by the miners of the country. But the Government wanted to see the industry contract.

Mr Walker said there was no greater contraction of the coal industry than took place under the Labour Government. Between 1974 and 1978, production had fallen every year.

Statutory rules rejected

HOUSE OF LORDS

Takeovers attracted a great deal of attention, but no one had been able to identify a specific instance where statutory rules would have produced a better outcome, Lord Lucas of Chilworth, Under-Secretary of State for Trade and Industry, said during the third reading of the Financial Services Bill in the House of Lords.

It remained true that there was no point in mending something which was not broken. The Take-Over Panel came came firmly into that category and the Government expected that this would be the position for some time to come.

An Opposition amendment to give the Government reserve powers to regulate the conduct of takeover bids was rejected by 125 votes to 69 — Government majority, 56.

Lord Williams of Elvel, who moved the amendment, said it did not seek to make it mandatory for the Secretary of State to appoint a panel to supervise the conduct of takeovers. It was permissive and not binding.

The takeover code and the Bill could not run side by side and the statute itself cut across the panel authority and the takeover code.

"Let us suppose that the Bill is enacted and all this happens next year. A company makes a bid. There is some doubt about the circumstances of the offer and the conduct of the takeover.

The Security and Investments Board is bound to have a role; at the same time the panel has a role. Who do we think will play the predominant role, the SIB or the Take-Over Panel, a voluntary organization with a voluntary code without the force of law? The mere presence of the board on the scene will diminish the authority of the panel."

Lord Ezra (L) said the Take-Over Panel had worked successfully for a number of years and this was an issue which could with advantage be deferred. The SIB would have quite enough to do to carry out the tasks likely to be entrusted to it under the proposed legislation.

They should see how the two worked together. If Lord Williams's comments turned out to be correct in practice there was always a future date when this could be corrected. At this stage they should not put on the SIB these additional duties.

Lord Lucas of Chilworth said there was nothing inherently contradictory in having rules such as were contained in the takeover code standing alongside the law of the land. That situation had obtained for the past 18 years and had worked very well.

There were those who would argue that fines and even imprisonment would concentrate the mind more than rulings from a non-statutory body, but experience did not bear that out.

Contrary to what Lord Williams suggested, panel rulings were complied with. In takeovers where each side was trying to influence the minds of shareholders over a short time span the effect of a critical statement could be very powerful.

Challenge to Tebbit over libel case

Mr Dale Campbell-Savours (Workington, Lab) challenged Mr Norman Tebbit, Chancellor of the Duchy of Lancaster and chairman of the Conservative Party, to make a statement at the despatch box on allegations about interference with potential witnesses in the libel case brought by two Conservative MPs against the BBC.

Mr Tebbit's decision last Thursday to answer Mr Campbell-Savours's allegations outside rather than inside the House was condemned by the MP.

He said that this was "a deliberate ploy to avoid placing himself in contempt of the House by misleading the House in a personal statement". Mr Tebbit should now repeat his assertions at the despatch box in a statement.

"If he refuses", Mr Campbell-Savours said, "the country will know that a conspiracy of silence is being engineered by senior figures to hide the truth from Parliament."

The MP said that while Mr Tebbit, in his remarks outside, had vigorously and unequivocally denied to the media that Mr David Mitchell, head of Tory Central Office legal department, had spoken to potential witnesses after February 6, when the legal action was initiated and the MPs concerned had issued the writs, his (Mr Campbell-Savours's) evidence was that Mr Mitchell had spoken to potential witnesses, knowing that they were potential witnesses, on February 22 and thereafter.

Mr Campbell-Savours, who was accused by The Speaker (Mr Bernard Weatherill) of seeking to make a political point through the Chair, which was to be deprecated, was raising a point of order on the case brought against the BBC by Mr Neil Hamilton (Tatton, C) and Mr Gerald Howarth (Cannock and Burntwood, C) over a Panorama programme, Maggie's Militant Tendency. It was settled out of court last week.

Mr Campbell-Savours said the implication of Mr Tebbit's assertion in the House last week that he would not use the protection of privilege by replying to the allegations in the House implied that he (Mr Campbell Savours) could do likewise.

"The reason I have been unable to take that course", he said "is because there is a danger of a gagging writ being served on me with the effect that Parliament would be silenced."

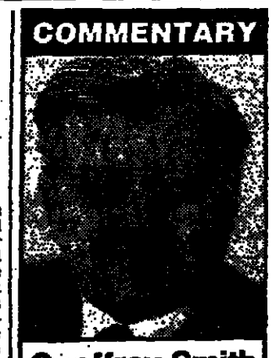
After The Speaker had said he could not rule on whether Mr Tebbit should come to the despatch box to give his answer, Mr Alan Williams, from the Opposition front bench, said Mr Campbell-Savours had hoped to point out that as many as 17 out of 20 witnesses may have been persuaded to withdraw.

Mr Tebbit knew last week that his role as Tory Party chairman was involved and, therefore, could have spoken from the back benches in his private role.

The Government, over Westland, had said that ministers were answerable to the House and for those who served under them, and Mr Tebbit was a Cabinet minister.

The Speaker said this was not a matter for him.

COMMENTARY



Geoffrey Smith

Resignation Blow to Government. That is the kind of headline one is always likely to see whenever a politician leaves office unexpectedly. It is so often taken for granted that a resignation must damage the government. But in fact that is not true. It all depends on the circumstances.

Some resignations are positively beneficial to a Prime Minister. When Harold Macmillan lost his Chancellor, Peter Thorneycroft, and the other Treasury ministers, on the eve of a Commonwealth tour in January 1958, he calmly shrugged off the calamity as "a little local difficulty," before proceeding on his way. He gained a new Chancellor and the English language a new phrase.

The previous year Macmillan had appeared equally unconcerned when Lord Salisbury, the Conservative kingmaker and right-wing conscience of the party, had handed in his notice. It was on such episodes that the reputation of Supermac the Unflappable was founded.

Resignations as non-events

A number of resignations have turned out to be essentially political non-events, even when they looked serious at the time. The Wilson Government of 1966-70 had many problems, but the departure of Frank Cousins as Minister of Technology did not figure prominently among them. In many other cases there has never been more than the flurry of a day.

But if it is not axiomatic that resignations damage a government, what are the distinguishing features of those that are harmful?

Governments are obviously most liable to suffer when they lose powerful and/or attractive personalities. The most recent examples are Michael Heseltine and Leon Brittan, even though there are not that many Conservatives these days who are prepared to appreciate the contrasting qualities of both of them. The lack of Cecil Parkinson's presentational skills has also often been regretted.

These instances point to another possible cause of embarrassment: when a resignation raises questions about the conduct of government. That, even more than the loss of ministers, was what hurt over Westland.

The Parkinson case was politically damaging because of the confusion, more than the morality. Mr Parkinson did not seem to know his own mind and Mrs Thatcher did not seem to understand the public's mind.

The Profumo affair was also handled badly. But that indicated another reason why a resignation can cause trouble: when it implies a security risk.

But a resignation can still be harmful to a government even if it does not come into any of these categories. That is when it strengthens the misgivings that the public have developed on other grounds.

The Profumo affair hurt the Macmillan Government so much not because of the security aspects, as because it was thought somehow to symbolise the decadence of the Administration. It therefore reinforced the growing belief that after three terms of Conservative rule it was time for a change.

Only if it comes under this last heading is the Jeffrey Archer resignation likely to be at all serious for Mrs Thatcher.

For the party he has performed the valuable service of enthusing the faithful up and down the country. But that may not be quite so necessary in the run-up to an election when Conservative adrenalin is likely to be flowing anyway — as Mrs Thatcher may be recognizing in her decision not to replace him directly.

£93m spent on renewable energy sources

The Government had so far spent £93 million on renewable energy sources compared to £17 million spent under the last Labour Government, Mr David Hunt, Under-Secretary of State for Energy, said during Commons questions.

He emphasized, however, that, despite record spending levels on renewables, and despite the Government doing more than any previous government for tidal energy, the combination of all those energy sources would not make a significant impact.

Mr Hunt said that the energy department's provision for non-nuclear research in 1986-87 was £44.91 million compared with estimated spending in 1985-86 of £40.2 million, an increase of more than 10 per cent.

Parliament today

Commons (2.30): Motion on Deacons (Ordination of Women) Measure.

Lords (2.30): Housing and Planning Bill, third reading. National Health Service (Amendment) Bill, report stage.

DHSS unable to get answer from artificial limb factory

HEALTH

The Department of Health and Social Security is still trying to get an answer from J E Hanger, the strike-affected firm of artificial-limb makers at Roehampton, on what arrangements it is making to maintain the supply of limbs.

The company has also refused to reply to the ministry's request for an indication of its long-term plans.

However, in urgent cases where appointments have had to be postponed, arrangements have been made with the company to supply limbs to individual patients from sources other than its Roehampton factory, to which the dispute has been confined.

Mr John Major, Minister for Social Security, made that clear when he answered an Opposition question about the dispute in the Commons.

Mr Ian Gow (Eastbourne, C) reminded Mr Major that Lady Trumpington, Under-Secretary of State for Health and Social Security, had told the House of Lords earlier this month about the firm's refusal to indicate its future plans.

Mr Major said that Mr Gow had correctly reported Lady Trumpington's words. The minister had said in his original reply that the dispute had been continuing since September 15, but was confined to the company's Roehampton factory.

Difficulties had been caused for a small number of amputees. By the end of last week, 58 appointments had been postponed because limbs had not been supplied in time.

In those cases arrangements were being made for limbs to be supplied urgently and for fresh appointments to be made as soon as possible.

In making arrangements for work to be done elsewhere, the department was paying particular attention to the cases of primary patients, who had had recent amputations.

He was receiving a daily report on the situation. The Government was not a party to the dispute between work force and management, which was a matter for negotiation between them.

Mr Frank Dobson, an Opposition spokesman on health and social security: In view of the unsatisfactory nature of the statement, why has the Government not taken more vigorous action to protect the interests of NHS patients? When did he start asking for daily reports?

Will he stop saying that the dispute is not affecting patients when the centre produces 100 new or adjusted limbs every day and the dispute has been going on since September?

The ministry and the minister had acknowledged that more than 50 patients had been affected. Lady Trumpington, Under-Secretary of State, had said in the Lords that the Government did not envisage any amputee being left immobile as a result of the dispute.

He had a constituent, Mr Rob Dixon, who had only one leg of his own, and was suffering from bleeding and extreme discomfort. He had had to be taken to hospital, where he remained. One reason for that was the industrial dispute.

The workforce had been dismissed. The new owners of the company, unlike the old ones, were interested only in profits. They had responded to the Government's encouragement of macho, Murdoch-style management in dismissing staff.

The company had dismissed 300 and offered to take back only 80, offering a miserly £2,000 to the rest, some of whom had worked for the company for 40 years. The offer had been rejected by the workforce by 238 votes to two.

"The ministry is not doing what it should in a proper effort to resolve the dispute and their activities have been characterized by Pontius Pilate. They should do their job properly and protect the interests of people who are suffering by not getting the limbs they are entitled to."

Mr Major: If there is a top, he has gone over it yet again. The offer is a matter for the staff (Labour protests). It would not be in the interests of conciliation if I offered a view on it.

Of 14,300 appointments each month, only 58 have been postponed. We are seeking to arrange alternative manufacture

He offered to have the case of Mr Dobson's constituent examined without further delay.

"We wish to see the dispute ended, but in our view, it will not be ended by injudicious interference by ministers".

Scots and Welsh losing aid cash

REGIONS

Scotland and Wales were being relegated to the second division because of cuts in regional-aid spending and because money was being diverted elsewhere, Mr Donald Stewart, leader of the Scottish National Party, said when opening a debate initiated by the SNP and Plaid Cymru.

He moved a motion condemning the Government for its total lack of concern for Scotland and Wales, as demonstrated by its failure to provide effective regional economic policies, and calling for a fundamental rethink of government policy towards economic regeneration in order to provide more permanent jobs.

Mr Stewart said UK regional economic policy had failed in its purpose to equalize employment chances among the regions and spread industrial development.

Although regional policy over the years had been inadequate in many respects, it had provided a valuable boost to many parts of the UK.

For example, it had been estimated that between 1960 and 1981 regional policy was responsible for creating 600,000 manufacturing jobs in assisted areas

Regional policy was under attack and the most recent round of substantial changes had been made in 1984 when Scotland bore 30 per cent of the cut in regional aid spending. That spending had fallen in Scotland from £369 million in 1982-83 to £199 million in 1985-86.

There was a crying need for more regional policy, not less.

Mr Ian Lang, Under-Secretary of State at the Scottish Office, said they were seeing the distasteful spectacle of the two separatists parties, who wanted to break up the United Kingdom, whingeing that they were not getting enough out of the UK's policies.

He was moving an amendment recognizing the efforts and achievements of the Government in stimulating the economies of Scotland and Wales. It also welcomed the submission to the European Commission of the United Kingdom Regional Development Programme for 1986-1990 as the basis for maximising assistance to the UK.



Mr Stewart: Complained about neglect of Scots.

Tempers rise in Lords over missing cameras

By Sheila Gunn, Political Staff

As the House of Lords enters the fourth week of its hardest work of the year the hackles of peers are rising over one glaring omission from the chamber, the television cameras.

They have rolled in only once, when Lady Young, a Foreign Office minister, made a statement of the Reykjavik summit.

That is in spite of late sittings every night and a spate of government defeats and concessions.

This month has highlighted the importance of the Lords as a revising chamber because many of the new laws have never been debated in the House of Commons.

For instance, the Financial Services Bill, to ensure protection for investors, and the NHS (Amendment) Bill, to tighten hygiene standards in hospitals, have been virtually rewritten.

Peers were already upset at having three weeks lopped off their summer recess in order to get through the log jam of government Bills.

Tempers were not improved when they returned to work to find ministerial announcements being made at the Conservative Party Conference in Bournemouth when Parliament — in the shape of the House of Lords — was sitting.

Mr Glyn Mathias, an assistant editor of ITN, said that the regular television programme *Their Lordships' House* went out for 30 weeks of the year and it was sometimes difficult to plan which weeks to cover.

"We appreciate that the overspill period is important", he said. "But it is a question of programme planning."

Lord Whitelaw, leader of the Lords, promised yesterday to consider a complete review of the law-making procedures after complaints from peers about "the shambles" caused by their heavy workload.

Channel tunnel

Public subsidies ruled out

By Martin Fletcher, Political Reporter

There can be no public subsidies for the £4.7 billion Channel tunnel project in any circumstances, a select committee report on the Channel Tunnel Bill will emphasize next month.

With sceptical City institutions having so far failed to fund a £206 million capital-raising exercise that must be completed by tomorrow, reports at the weekend suggested that government officials were preparing a "top-up" as a last resort to rescue the prestige project.

In the Commons yesterday, Mr Jonathan Aitken, the fiercely anti-tunnnel MP for Thanet South, sought an emergency debate on those reports and on reports that ministers had been putting pressure on financial institutions to invest.

If true, he said, such action was "unconstitutional and improper" and represented an "extraordinary change" in the attitude of a government which had originally insisted that the project was entirely a private sector matter.

He said that the Eurotunnel consortium was in "a state of shambles"

Anysuch top-ups, however, clearly will be ruled out by MPs on the select committee examining the Bill who are about to finish several weeks of hearings from opponents of the tunnel.

Yesterday government sources insisted that there would be no public subsidies, saying that there would be a tunnel only if the City backs it.

Mr Alex Fletcher, the committee chairman, has repeatedly told petitioners that, although the Bill itself does not exclude such subsidies, they are specifically ruled out by the terms of the treaty signed earlier this year by the French and British governments.

"If the next government wants to change that, it would first have to negotiate with the French Government, then pass another Bill through the House of Commons", he has said.

He has also told petitioners who believe that the Government would have to step in if the Channel tunnel concessionaires fail, that the same procedure would apply.

But Mr Fletcher's committee is also likely to oppose public subsidies on the ground that they would mean the tunnel's having an unfair advantage over ferry service rivals.

He told petitioners from the ferry companies and port authorities in Dover last month that "the most important thing that the committee can do to help safeguard your jobs is to ensure that the competition between the ferry service and the tunnel is as fair as possible".

Backbench windbags may lose freedom

By Our Political Reporter

Backbench windbags who, by droning on during Commons debates, deny their fellow MPs their say look set to be dealt with.

The Select Committee on Procedure is to produce a report within the next few days which is expected to endorse an experiment limiting chatterboxes to just 10 minutes during the middle hours of selected over-subscribed debates.

The imposition by the Speaker of the 10-minute rule is also designed to serve as a reminder to self-indulgent ministers and opposition spokesman to "recognize the desirability of holding their speeches to no more than 30 minutes".

The experiment originally ran throughout the course of the 1984-85 session during which time the rule was applied 24 times. The procedure committee then invited comments from MPs, just two of whom complained.

Mr Ivor Stanbrook (Orpington) argued that the rule stifled genuine debate because it discouraged MPs from "giving way" to interruptions.

Mr Eric Deakins (Walthamstow) said that the rule was encouraging MPs merely to read prepared speeches of the recquisite length. "There is no longer a debate, merely a succession of oral texts written in advance, not necessarily by the honourable member delivering them", he said.

The procedure committee rebuked the readers of speeches and called for an extension of the experiment until the end of the present session next month to judge better whether it was worth the House's while "overturning its ancient practice that a member called to speak has the right, at his own peril, to trespass upon the patience of others".

The committee is believed to have decided if is.

Thatcher spared bungling charge

Mr Archer's immediate resignation has spared her and the Government from any charge of having bungled this scandal. There is no security aspect.

Might the episode none theless strengthen doubts that have been developing on other grounds? It is just possible that if the Westland debate goes really badly for the Government tomorrow the two cases will, no matter how illogically, be brought together in the public mind.

But it seems to me much more likely that Mr Archer's departure will prove to be a reminder that most political resignations are a nuisance rather than a disaster.

Professions angry over government refusal to limit damages claims

By Frances Gibb, Legal Affairs Correspondent

The Government's refusal to meet the professions' request to limit the damages courts can award in the face of rising negligence claims brought an angry response at a conference in London yesterday.

Mr Alan Hardcastle, chairman of the Heads of Professions group, said that because of the huge claims for damages, professionals, including doctors, accountants and solicitors, now faced "catastrophic consequences should they make an honest misjudgement or error".

There was also the "real possibility that new entrants to the professions will be deterred by the risk of losing all — house, savings, and professional life — as a result of one misjudgement or error."

That would lead, in due course, to a lowering of professional standards and to a "reduction of competence which can hardly be the outcome desired by the Government", he said.

He added that there would also be a loss of confidence in the professions on the part of the public who use their services.

The Government had said it was for firms to make a commercial judgement about the course of action to take in the present circumstances, Mr Hardcastle said.

But those actions would include withdrawing services in areas where risks are highest, and an unwillingness to extend into new areas of service which are needed.

There would also be a "tendency to avoid giving clear and forthright advice for fear of the consequences of error," the very danger the Government had said it wants to avoid.

Mr Hardcastle said that the authorities perhaps needed the stimulus of "the imminent collapse of a professional firm by reason of a massive claim" before it was prepared to take the problem seriously.

He was addressing a conference organized by the UK-Interprofessional Group on the problems of professional liability, because of concern over rising claims and difficulty of obtaining insurance cover.

The Government's recent refusal to provide any cap on damages awards or any state help with cover was unequivocably reaffirmed at the conference yesterday.

Mrs Ann Wilks, assistant secretary, Department of Trade and Industry, said that capping had been the subject of much lobbying by the professions but it was not an option the Government wanted to pursue.

Nor was there any question of state cover, the other way the Government might help to reduce the professions' risks, she said.

Capping was impracticable: any ceiling would be arbitrary and unless the figure was so high it was irrelevant to most cases, it would prejudice "consumers' rights to sue for the full extent of any damage they might have incurred".

She also said that to place a ceiling on damages awards in the United Kingdom might force litigants to pursue their cases in foreign courts.

Insurance cover for hospital doctors was compulsory and available at relatively low cost so the case for limiting their liability was perhaps less strong than for architects or engineers, she said.

They faced the prospect of negligence claims in an industry where the insurance market was contracting fast and premiums rising.

Mrs Wilks said that although the professions feared that they would be inhibited from refusing to provide services there was little evidence to support that.



Mr Elwyne Morgan, a farmer, overlooking the Herefordshire countryside from the derelict fourteenth-century Snodhill Castle, near Hay-on-Wye, Powys. The ruins of the castle, which existed in Domesday Book times, accompany the title of The Lordship of Snodhill which is to be auctioned in London on November 11 (Photograph: Philip Dunn).

Sex-threat children get SOS touchline

By Jill Sherman

An emergency telephone line for sexually abused children opened in Yorkshire yesterday. The free "touchline" service has been set up by the National Children's Home (NCH) in response to a large number of cases of sexual abuse.

Fund raising for the scheme started in 1984 after the discovery of a "sex ring" in Leeds involving 250 young girls who were paid by men to have sex.

Over the past three years the number of reported cases of child sex abuse in the area has increased dramatically. In 1983, Leeds social services department recorded 10 cases. This year 104 incidents have already been reported.

The NCH Touchline will be open from 9.30am to 9.30pm from Monday to Friday and an answerphone will operate over the weekend and overnight.

Launching the scheme yesterday, Miss Linda Whittaker, NCH coordinator of Touchline, said: "We are most concerned that youngsters feel they can ring us. They don't have to give us their name on the first occasion."

The telephone numbers are: Touchline (for children in Yorkshire) Leeds 457777; Childline (nationwide) 0800 1111.

Firms unaware of cash for giving jobs to blind

Employers are discriminating unfairly against the blind and the partially-sighted, the Royal National Institute for the Blind claimed yesterday.

A survey, commissioned by the institute's employment development unit, showed that many employers forget the Manpower Services Commission will pick up any extra costs incurred, such as adapting a telephone switchboard.

Employers also misguidedly think blind people are more prone to accidents at work, although surveys have proved otherwise.

About 135,000 people in England and Wales are registered blind or partially-sighted. Forty thousand are of working age, but fewer than 20 per cent are employed. The institute's survey involved interviews with 318 visually handicapped people looking for a job, 35 per cent of whom were living on the Government's poverty line.

The report emphasized that more information should be provided on services, schemes and help available to job-seekers, employers and social workers. "It is essential that more publicity on benefits should be targeted at individual blind people," the report said.

School governors: 2

Training options 'few and dated'

In the second of a three-part series, Mark Dowd, Education Reporter, looks at the prospects for training an ambitious would-be governor.

It is almost 100 years since the Cross Commission on school government defined the desirable attributes of school governors: breadth of view, business habits, administrative ability and a power of working harmoniously with others.

They are laudable credentials but an intimidating list to any prospective governor. The 1986 legislation states that "appropriate training is to be provided for governors free of charge".

Where will the money come from?

Three weeks ago, Mrs Joan Sallis, national organizer of the Campaign for the Advancement of State Education, helped to found a new consortium whose specific task will be to co-ordinate efforts designed to improve the present poor opportunities for training.

She estimates that there will be more than a quarter of a million governors after the new law is implemented. Many of those will be the new stock of inexperienced parent governors.

The Government has made £100,000 available for pilot training schemes but only 10 of the more than 70 local authorities that applied have been successful in their bids. The Department of Education and Science says that more money will be available in future through the rate-support grant mechanism but so far nothing is official.

Present training opportunities can best be described as patchy and that is to put it generously.

The Open University runs an excellent course which got under way in 1981. But many feel that it is dated and only likely to appeal to the committed, organized individual with time to spare.

Furthermore, there is a voluntary body, the National Association of Governors and Managers, which has held regional training days from time to time during the past year. However, a day's training for an estimated 2,000 people hardly appears to make serious inroads into the problem.

Mrs Sallis and her consortium are relying on charitable trusts and a good deal of self-help to set in train several projects.

One of those is called "Focus in Education". With the assistance of a former media resources officer from the Inner London Education Authority, the training consortium hopes to produce three 45-minute video tapes to bolster the present paucity of training materials. Each will cost £10,000 to make.

Other ideas abound, waiting for funds to make them actual rather than hypothetical.

Mrs Sallis hopes to start a governors' newspaper and is eager to persuade local authorities to provide a resources section in every town library so that governors can have ready access to Acts of Parliament and other documents.

Why is training so critical?

The intricacies of committee procedure with their attendant jargon are enough to fill the minds of any new parent governor with horror.

Many of the new recruits will have little experience of speaking in public, nor are they likely to be familiar with the metamorphosis which characterises the examination system.

Basic knowledge of that, plus an understanding of teachers' pay scales, are essential if parents are to make fruitful contributions on matters such as the curriculum and staff appointments.

Nor is it merely potential governors who will need encouraging. Mrs Sallis says that she has been inundated with requests for better in-service training since the consortium was launched.

When she ran a one-day course in Gloucester last week, a 100-place training session was more than five times oversubscribed. The pattern was repeated later in Enfield, north London.

The message from Mrs Sallis, and the National Association of Governors and Managers, is: if the Government is serious about the enhanced role of the governing body, the logical corollary is a generously-funded system of training that does justice to such ambitions.

Tomorrow: possible sticking points.

Blandford drugs den dealer found guilty

A drugs dealer who was arrested in a cocaine den with Lord Blandford was convicted of supplying cocaine yesterday.

Lawrence Zephyr, aged 53, was found guilty at Knightsbridge Crown Court of four charges of possessing and supplying cocaine and three firearms charges.

Mr Anthony Glass, QC, said that Zephyr told detectives involved in the raid, codenamed, Operation Davina, "I have seen him here before," referring to Blandford.

After the raid on the Edgware Road den, detectives from Scotland Yard's central drugs squad visited a flat where Zephyr was staying in Golders Green Road, north London.

There they found £21,000 worth of cocaine and loaded guns including a .38 automatic pistol and a Browning pistol. Zephyr denied a total of eight drugs and firearms offences and claimed police planted cocaine and documents on him.

Blandford, aged 30, has pleaded guilty to possessing cocaine. Melanie Soszynski, aged 36, unemployed, has admitted laundering a £12,000 cheque signed by Blandford for cocaine.

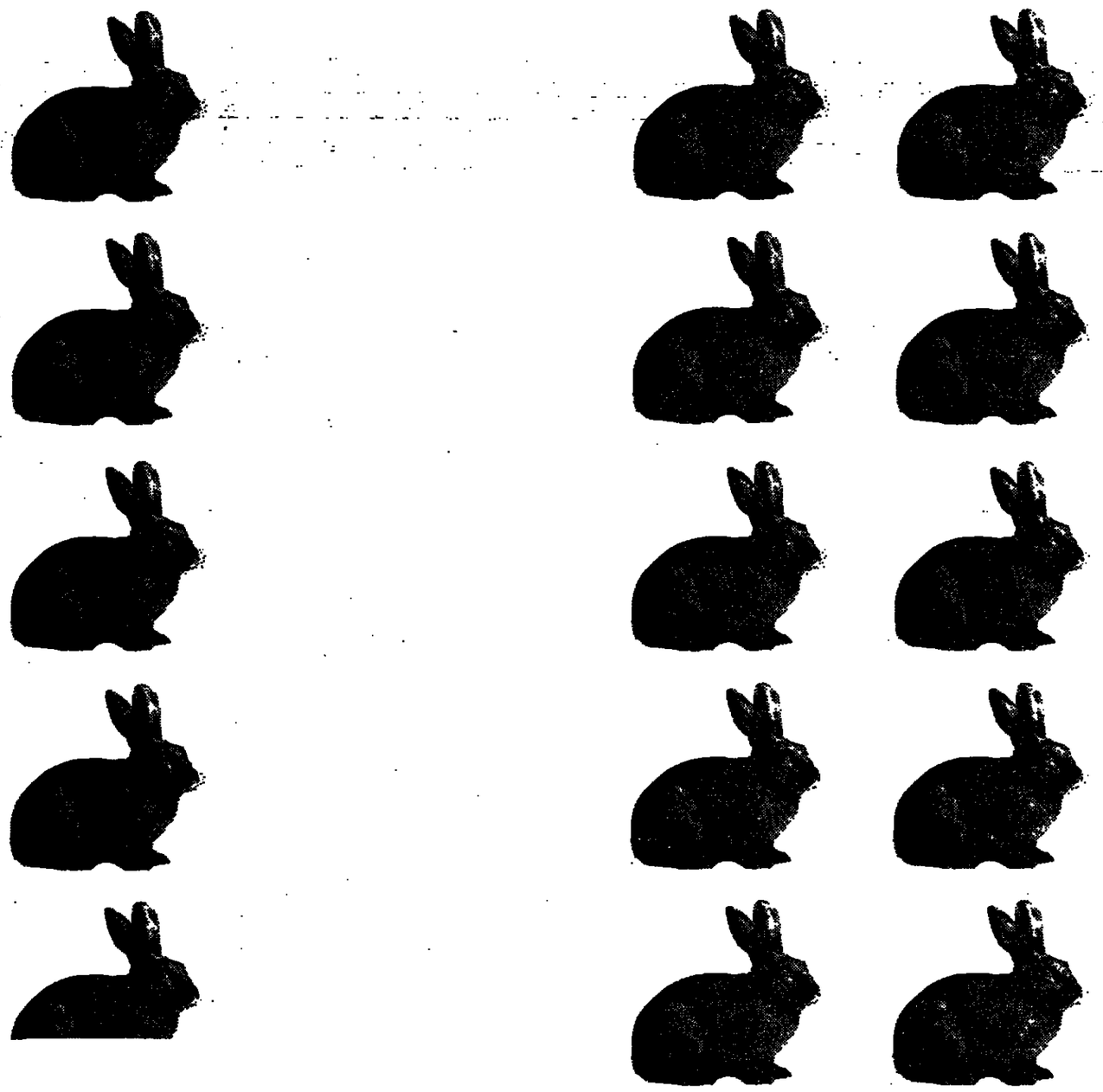
Soszynski, of Nell Gwyn House, Chelsea, south-west London, has also admitted two charges of possessing and supplying cocaine. Three other defendants have admitted various drugs charges.

Sentencing will begin on Thursday, but Blandford is not expected to be dealt with until Wednesday of next week.

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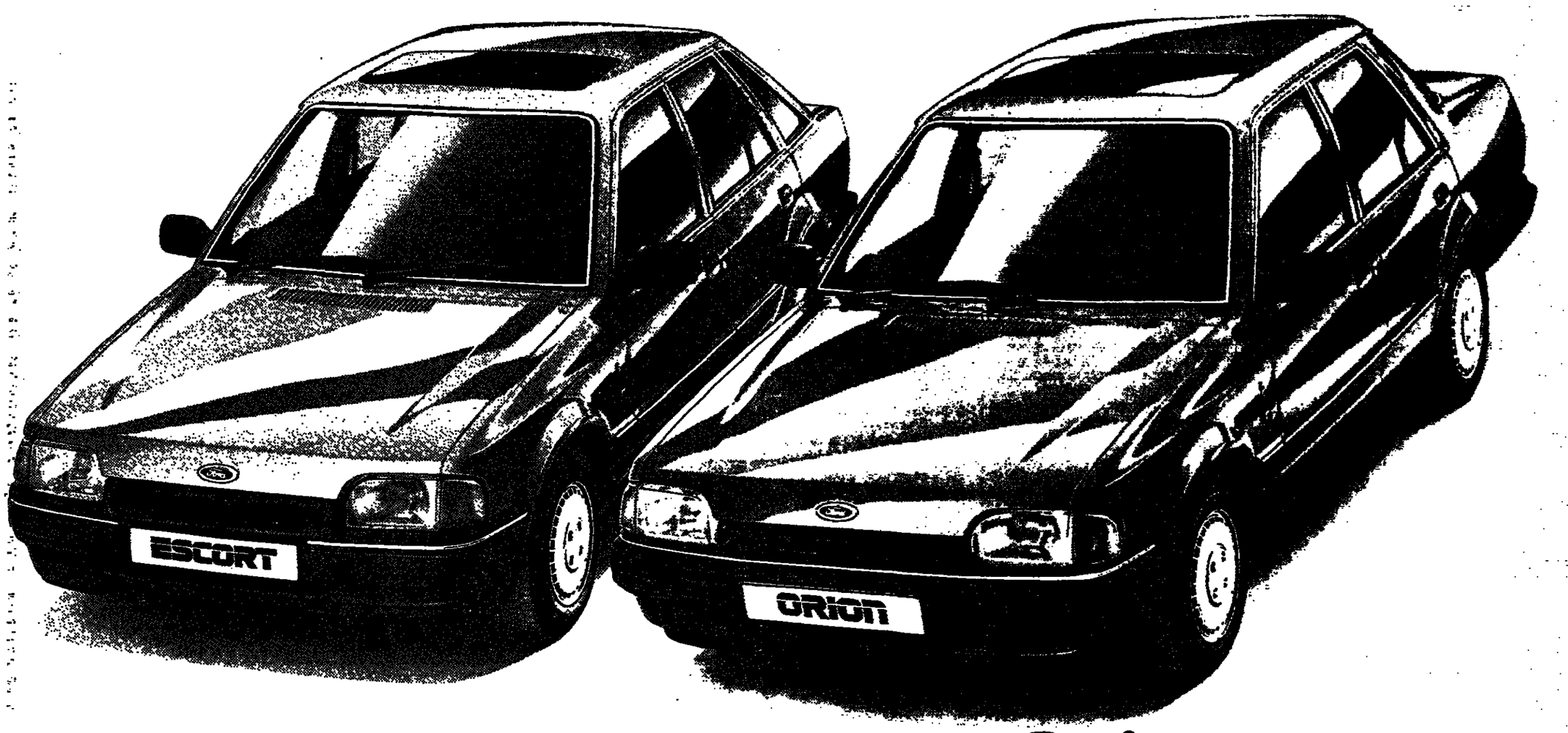
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Ford

Sinn Fein move to end Dail boycott may lead to conference walkout

By Richard Ford

Deep divisions within Provisional Sinn Fein over a radical plan to abandon its policy of refusing to take seats in the Irish Republic's parliament may lead to a walk-out at the movement's annual conference.

The ruling council's proposal will be vigorously resisted by older republicans led by Mr Ruairi O Bradaigh, a former party president, who describes the arguments now taking place as "the greatest struggle of the republican movement".

But he and his older colleagues, based largely in the South, are fighting a rearguard action against the northern faction surrounding Mr Gerry Adams, the party's president, who had been actively promoting the abandonment of abstentionism in preparation for next weekend's debate.

The leadership is anxious for the change in policy as a general election must be held in the Irish Republic before November 1987, giving it an opportunity to run candidates and perhaps destabilize the Irish political system.

The ruling council has proposed dropping an article of faith in the movement since 1922 to enable successful parliamentary candidates to take their seats in the Dail in the hope that they will aid the advance of the Provisionals in the republic.

Delegates at the Mansion House conference in Dublin will be asked to endorse proposals that elected members do not draw their full parliamentary salaries for personal use but instead receive a PSF organizer's subsidy; that they act in the Dail under the guidance of the organization's ruling council, and that they sign a written pledge to abstain from Westminster or any parliamentary body set up in Northern Ireland.

The changes in the constitution require a two-thirds majority and PSF organizers have altered the order of proceedings to allow Mr Adams, PSF MP for West Belfast, to outline his views on the issue before almost five hours of debate next Sunday.

Opposition to the move is based largely in the South although Mr Adams, with the support of the Provisional IRA and key older republicans, hopes to avoid any large split in the movement.

The leadership insists that taking seats in the Dail would not diminish the "armed struggle" in the North or lead inevitably to reformism and the abandonment of military operations.

It is precisely that which Mr O Bradaigh fears, saying that it is impossible to remain a revolutionary organization while sitting in the Dail.

"Going into Leinster House means accepting the Army, the political police, the special courts, the internment camps and all the apparatus of repression and collaboration with the British."

Any decision to enter the Dail will have serious repercussions for political life in the republic. It will force Mr Charles Haughey's Fianna Fail to protect its flank, making it difficult for him to pursue any policy of compromise without upsetting his more extreme supporters.

Rembrandt expected to fetch millions

By Geraldine Norman
Sale Room Correspondent

Sotheby's is bringing a Rembrandt and two paintings by Frans Hals back from the United States for sale in London in December. Prices for all three are expected to run into millions.

In what promises to be Sotheby's most important Old Master sale for many years, the Rembrandt takes pride of place. It is a little oval portrait of a young girl, plump and Dutch, with soft straggling curls, pearls in her ears and a richly embroidered cloak.

It is a head and shoulders portrait caught in a shaft of strong light. She looks out peacefully, very self-contained in her youthful world. It is an intimate and memorable image which is likely to stir the acquisitive urge of both collectors and museums.

The painting is dated 1632, the period of Rembrandt's first success. The early date also means that it has already been through the mill of the Rembrandt Commission, which is currently sorting slowly through paintings attributed to him, deciding which are from his hand and which are not.

The commission suggests that it is one of a small group of portraits which Rembrandt painted for his own enjoyment, rather than on commission, and this is borne out by its freedom and sparkle.

It has a distinguished provenance, which always enhances the price, having belonged to the Prince of Lichtenstein at the turn of the century and hung on loan to the Museum of Fine Arts in Boston since 1966.

The two Hals paintings are more formal, commissioned portraits, an unidentified man and his wife, both depicted three-quarter length. He has a fine ruff and majestic whiskers while his rather plain wife wears a white cap and a stiff black dress which glints with coloured highlights.

They are the most important paintings by Frans Hals to come on the market for ten years or so

Purchased by Sir William van Horne, a Montreal railroad millionaire, in about 1915, they were on loan to the Rijks museum in Amsterdam from 1973-79 and to the Fogg Art Museum in Cambridge, Massachusetts, from 1979



The Deep Sea Jivers, a four-member group from London, practising underwater music in a swimming pool. Mr Peter Thomas, the lead singer who plays saxophone and flute, has written a two-hour rock musical and says that his aspiration to perform it underwater are serious. "It is a different dimension. Under water, music actually enters your body, you feel it as well as hear it." Frogmen would be present with breathing apparatus and the audience would be invited into the pool. The band may apply for an Arts Council grant.

MPs seek access to scientific material

By Martin Fletcher
Political Reporter

Three senior Conservative backbenchers will embark today on the first step of a campaign to redress the balance of power between MPs and the Government by giving members access to high-quality technical and scientific information.

Although Mrs Margaret Thatcher is personally opposed to the idea, they will ask for the support of the all-party Parliamentary and Scientific Committee for the creation of a body to conduct detailed inquiries into complex subjects that MPs might, otherwise, be unable to master.

They will then seek debates in both the Lords and the Commons and armed, they hope, with a clear mandate from peers and backbench MPs, will ask the House of Commons Commission for £250,000 to fund a permanent staff of up to 10 people.

The unit would undertake inquiries at the request of select committee chairmen, or a committee's senior opposition MP, and they would collate evidence from the leading authorities in any given subject

Sir Ian Lloyd, chairman of the energy select committee and one of the three backbenchers proposing the move, said yesterday that the Commons, in its role as a check on the executive, was becoming "increasingly irrelevant to the kind of problems the Government will be facing

The proposal would mean MPs were better informed and equipped to tackle ministers. While it would not, in itself, guarantee an improvement, it was "a necessary condition for improvement".

Together with Sir Trevor Skeet, chairman of the Parliamentary and Scientific Committee, and Sir Gerard Vaughan, Sir Ian visited Washington last April to investigate the grander American equivalent, the Office of Technology Assessment.

That services both houses of Congress, has an annual budget of $15 million and produces upwards of 40 reports a year.

On their return they put the idea to Mrs Thatcher, who subsequently wrote to Sir Trevor indicating that she would not be prepared to sanction such expenditure.

Unionist rally marks agreement anniversary

Two Ulster Unionist leaders yesterday announced plans for a big rally in the province's capital as the main event to mark the first anniversary of the Anglo-Irish agreement (Richard Ford writes).

Both men denied any knowledge of a "loyalist" strike and warned "hoodlums" to stay away from a demonstration planned for outside Belfast City Hall on November 15.

The venue is the same as for a similar rally held after the signing of the agreement last year and both Mr James Molyneaux and Mr Ian Paisley are aware of the risk involved in their strategy.

Any outbreak of trouble or a smaller turnout than in 1985 would damage the Unionist cause of opposing the deal with Dublin.

However, with the Orange Order assisting the Official and Democratic Unionist parties, the leadership is assured of good attendance. Moderates believe a mammoth but peaceful demonstration is more effective in public relations terms than other events.

Mr Molyneaux, leader of the OUP, said: "The Ulster people will know that their tenacity and their resolution is on the line."

During the rally the two men will unveil further plans for the withdrawal of Unionist consent to be governed and, before then, will review loyalist membership of various boards and other government agencies.

Militant "loyalists" were disappointed at yesterday's announcement as they have been pressing for more hard-line tactics

But Mr Molyneaux is opposed to these tactics, though hard-liners within the community may carry out independent protests during the next three weeks.

The security forces are preparing for "loyalist" street violence to erupt in the days before the anniversary.

EEC grants to help Ulster energy search

EEC foreign ministers yesterday approved a £24 million aid programme to Northern Ireland (Richard Owen writes). It was part of a package aimed at improving telecommunications

In the energy sector, the EEC aid is to cover the efficient use of energy and the exploitation of local energy resources, particularly lignite.

The overall alternative energy policy is designed to encourage development not only of peat and lignite but also of solar energy, wind energy, geothermal sources and small scale hydro-electic operations. The regional aid programme in local energy runs for five years and has a budget of £210 million.

The telecommunications programme in Northern Ireland provides for investment in basic equipment, cellular radio and the promotion of advanced telecommunication services.

Plastic revolution

Smartcard set to outsmart rivals

By Keith Hindley

The "smartcard", a small plastic card with the memory and power of many home computers, could handle our bank account, eliminate the cheque book and make banknotes and coins almost obsolete.

The cards could also carry medical records and give us entry to our workplace, our tennis club, even our local cinema club. They could also act as national or European identity cards, carrying our photograph, signature, fingerprints or voiceprint in their digital memories.

But the international enthusiasm for the smartcard is not found in Britain. Our institutions remain sceptical and we risk being left behind those in other technologically advanced nations.

In recent months, leading banking and financial groups in Japan, Europe and the US have agreed that the smartcard has immense potential. Public trials of various forms of the card are already under way in the US by Visa and MasterCard, the two large credit card institutions.

They now believe 100 million cards will be issued in both America and Japan by 1991 and a multi-billion dollar market for the card's many uses will develop within years.

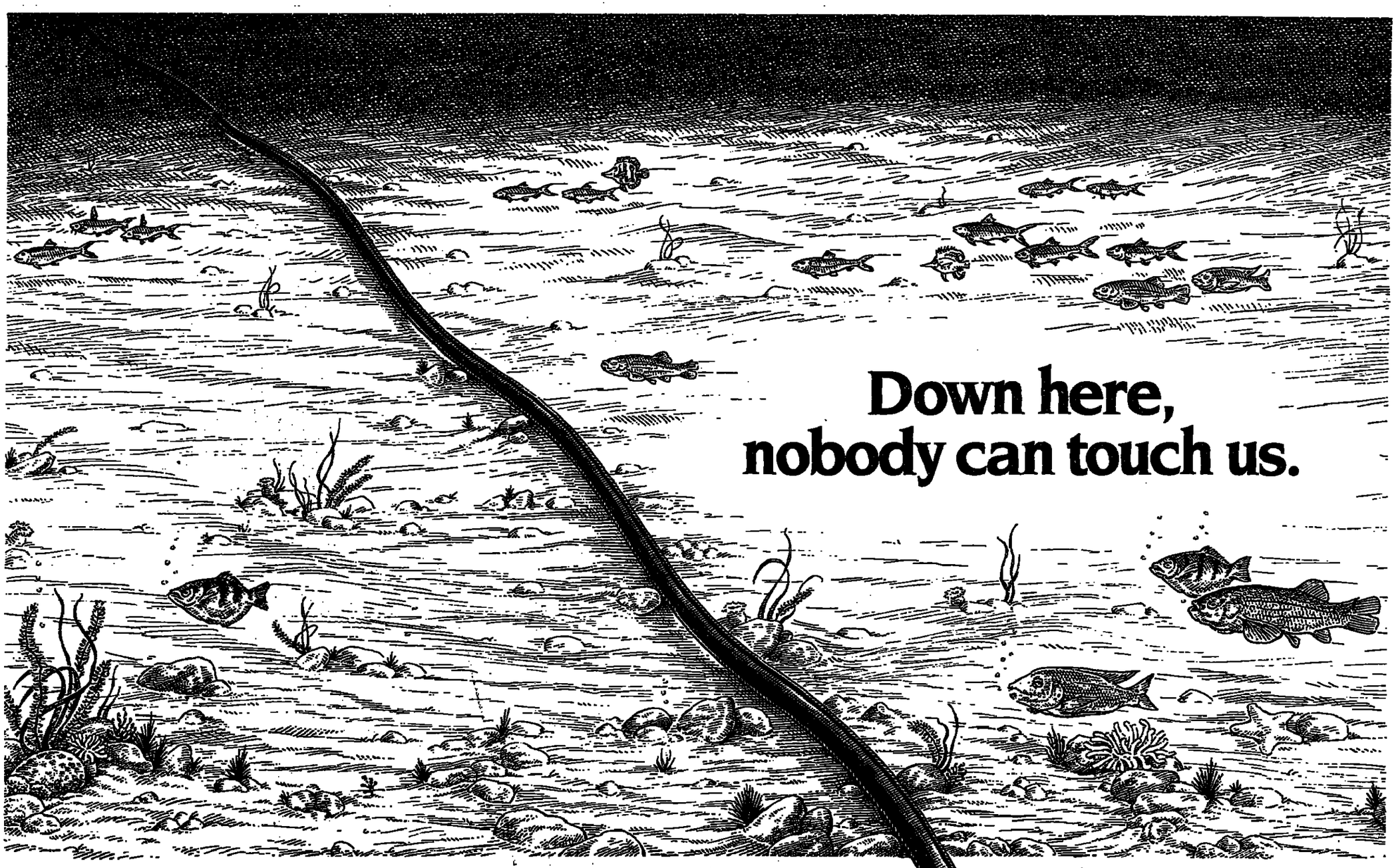
In Britain, our financial institutions are developing their own system based on an improved version of the magnetic strip credit card. The system, known as Eftpos (electronic funds transfer at point of sale), will use terminals in shops with a check by telephone to clear a purchase or pay a bill.

The system will cost more than half a billion pounds and is scheduled to come into use by 1988.

Abroad, the British plans are already seen as archaic and the start-up date as hopelessly optimistic.

A wave of smartcard issues, worldwide, could well swamp British plans for Eftpos.

This weekend Barclays broke ranks with the other British banks with news that it will offer a simple point of sale card next May, ahead of the national Eftpos launch.



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Red Cross calls on members to respect Geneva Conventions

From Alan McGregor, Geneva

The International Committee of the Red Cross (ICRC), looking back over the past five years, says in its report that armed conflicts have become more numerous and last longer, while violations of international humanitarian law were more frequent.

The report, presented by its president, Mr Alexandre Hay, to the International Red Cross conference yesterday, also underlines that the taking of hostages, sometimes subsequently murdered, terrorism, torture of detained persons and "disappearances" are similarly becoming more and more common.

Disregard of humanitarian law, it says, "has even reached the point where whole civilian populations are subjected to starvation".

The ICRC report refers to "an undeniable deterioration" in observance of the Geneva Conventions in connection with prisoners of war, who had too often become hostages.

The most common violation was failure to provide notification of capture, with the result that tens of thousands of families in Iraq, Iran, Lebanon, Western Sahara, Chad, Ethiopia, Somalia, Angola, Cambodia and Afghanistan were suffering the anguish of uncertainty.

In Afghanistan and Iran, ICRC delegates were not being allowed to visit prisoners and the report noted increased bombing of civilians by both sides and use of chemical weapons by Iraq in the Gulf War.

On the Golan Heights, annexed by Israel from Syria in 1981, the ICRC "is finding it almost impossible to do its mandatory protection work in aid of the civilian and prison population. It is not even being notified of arrests."

It was also particularly concerned about the plight of arrested people to whom it had no access and of the civilian population in the area of southern Lebanon controlled by the Israeli armed forces where hundreds of houses had been destroyed, thousands of people displaced and a very high number arrested.

"Extremely disturbing", too, was the situation in Namibia, with restrictions imposed by the South African authorities on the work of ICRC delegates, though "the existence of an armed conflict cannot be denied".

The conference tabled a draft resolution asking all 165 countries bound by the Geneva Conventions to respect their obligations under international humanitarian law.

● PRETORIA: Talks between South Africa and representatives of the ICRC to discuss the Government's decision to expel foreign Red Cross staff in response to the suspension of South Africa from the Geneva conference, have been postponed until today, the Foreign Ministry said (Reuter reports).

Mugabe invites Nkomo to burial

From Michael Hartnack
Harare

Mr Robert Mugabe, the Prime Minister of Zimbabwe, has invited Mr Joshua Nkomo, the Zapu leader, to accompany him to the funeral of President Machel in Maputo today, as a mark of the reconciliation achieved in recent talks here.

Mr Enos Nkala, the Minister of Home Affairs, disclosed this at a weekend rally in Bulawayo, when he said that remaining Zapu detainees would be released to help to finalize a unity pact.

Mr Nkala's words raised expectations that the Government would soon free Mr Dumiso Dabengwa, Mr Nkomo's former guerrilla intelligence chief detained under the state of emergency since arms caches were found on Zapu properties in 1982.

Mr Dabengwa, the most charismatic Zapu leader after Mr Nkomo and the most problematical from the viewpoint of Mr Mugabe's Government, was acquitted on treason charges by the High Court in 1983.

Mr Nkala hinted at the problems Mr Nkomo may be facing with extremist elements in Matabeleland, Zapu's traditional stronghold, when he said some people were already denouncing the unity talks as a betrayal.

● MAPUTO: As President Machel's body lay in state for the final day before his funeral, the Mozambican leadership yesterday attended a three-hour service for 17 officials killed with him in the plane crash inside South Africa eight days ago (Reuter reports).



Señor Adán Artola, military leader of Kisan, the Nicaraguan Indian anti-Sandinista rebel group which is accused of buying guns with non-lethal US aid, displays weapons stored in the movement's armoury on the Honduras-Nicaraguan border.

Contras to be trained in US

From Christopher Thomas
Washington

The Reagan Administration, it is reported, has tentatively decided to train Nicaraguan Contras in the US as part of the escalating campaign to bring down the Sandinista Government because Costa Rica, El Salvador and Honduras are unwilling to allow their territory to be used.

The plan is said to stem directly from the renewed aid that the Administration is about to start releasing to the Contras. The first instalment of $60 million (£41 million), out of the total of $100 million in military and non-military aid approved by Congress, is ready for delivery to the rebels, but arguments persist about the best way to spend it.

The first deliveries under the renewed aid will be rifles, ammunition and grenade launchers. The remaining $40 million will be available from February 15 and can be used for heavier equipment such as artillery and anti-aircraft missiles.

According to *The Washington Post*, yesterday, the Army, Navy, Air Force and Marine Corps have been directed to make detailed recommendations for suitable, remote training sites in the US.

The paper said the plan would be to train unit commanders, not green soldiers. The commanders would then train their men inside Nicaragua. The training would incude the handling of the weaponry the Contras will be getting from the US, as well as techniques of guerrilla warfare.

The State Department is in charge of overall policy guidance for the new programme, but there are arguments about tactics. For example, about whether the money should be concentrated on spectacular military successes or on gradually building up the effectiveness of the Contras with better equipment and more training.

Gorbachov optimistic about arms

From Christopher Walker
Moscow

Mr Mikhail Gorbachov, the Soviet leader, yesterday claimed that progress was still possible on the question of arms control despite what he described as "provocative" moves taken by the Reagan Administration since the collapse of the Reykjavik summit earlier this month.

In a written message to the organizers of a writers' conference in the Bulgarian capital of Sofia, Mr Gorbachov stated that in Iceland, the Soviet Union had put on the negotiating table "a package of inter-linked proposals".

He said the proposals were balanced in terms of both the interests of the superpowers and the world at large.

"The situation after the Reykjavik meeting, in spite of the well-known provocative actions of the US Administration and the gross misrepresentation of what came to pass at the Iceland meeting, still offers opportunities for a search for solutions," Mr Gorbachov's message said.

Although his references to the provocative behaviour of the White House were not spelt out, they were clearly intended as a sour comment on the recent expulsions of Russian diplomats from the US, including the 55 expulsion orders made last week against personnel in the Washington embassy and the consulate in San Francisco.

In keeping with the recent intensive Kremlin propaganda drive designed to depict the US Administration as the sole cause of the breakdown at Reykjavik, the Soviet leader asserted that if the American side had accepted the Russian package "a real process of eliminating nuclear weapons would have got under way".

Summit hopes remain high

From John England
Bonn

Herr Helmut Kohl, the Chancellor of West Germany, President Mitterrand of France and his Prime Minister, M Jacques Chirac, met in Frankfurt yesterday and agreed that the Reykjavik summit had left the door open to further negotiations between the two superpowers.

The three leaders saw Reykjavik as an "important station" in East-West relations and believed that the chances for a second summit were good, said Herr Friedhelm Ost, the chief West German government spokesman.

The statement came at the start of a two-day Franco-German "cultural summit", after Herr Kohl had briefed President Mitterrand and M Chirac separately and privately on his talks in Washington last week with President Reagan.

Herr Ost said British sanctions against Syria had been mentioned only briefly, but the German and French foreign ministers, who were also in Frankfurt, were in contact with their EEC counterparts meeting in Luxembourg.

The Franco-German meeting, also attended by most Cabinet ministers of both governments, is "aimed at deepening the friendship between Germany and France, especially cultural ties".

Agreements to be signed yesterday and today include school and student exchanges and attempts to promote greater efforts in learning each other's languages.

Frankfurt was on top security alert, with about 2,000 police on duty in the inner-city area.

President Mitterrand flew into Frankfurt to a red-carpet welcome by Herr Kohl, which included full military honours, and later went to the Paulskirche to receive the city's highest and rarely-bestowed award of honorary citizenship.

M Chirac made a quieter entrance later, keeping Herr Kohl waiting five minutes on the steps of a Frankfurt hotel before his car convoy drew up.

Lateness on the part of several French Cabinet ministers had earlier caused the cancellation of a planned "culture breakfast" to be given by their German colleagues.

The French leaders took the opportunity of the summit to thank Herr Kohl for Bonn's recent agreement to take part in the advance phase of the French Hermes space shuttle project.

West Germany is to put DM32 million (£11.2 million) into the project this year and in 1987.

● **Language note:** In an editorial on the meeting, the *Frankfurter Allgemeine* newspaper yesterday said the readiness to learn each other's language seemed to be fading rather than growing. But most German and French politicians would be expressing their concern about the problem in English.

Argentina tries to limit forces' role

From Eduardo Cué, Buenos Aires

Four years after its defeat in the Falklands war, Argentina is attempting to define a new and more limited role for its armed forces and to firmly establish the principle of civilian control over the military.

The effort to break the 50-year cycle of alternating civilian and military governments comes at a time when the resources and prestige of the Argentine military are at an all-time low following the Falklands fiasco and a "dirty war" against terrorism that led to the disappearance of at least 9,000 people.

In the three years since the civilian Government came to power the military budget has been cut by 35 per cent and the number of men in uniform reduced from about 100,000 to just 30,000. No arms purchases have been made since December 1983 and none are planned in the immediate future.

Government officials like to place the budget cuts in the context of an overall austerity programme forced by the economic crisis. But the spending reductions are in keeping with the effort to limit the role of the military to one of defending the country from external agression.

As part of this process the First Army Corps in Buenos Aires, which has always played an important part in the overthrow of civilian governments, has been dismantled and its troops deployed to more distant regions.

"The Government basically does not trust the armed forces because they are the alternative lurking around the corner," said one Western diplomat. This attitude is hardly surprising, given that generals have occupied the presidential palace during 36 of the past 55 years and that no civilian President has completed his six-year constitutional mandate since 1928.

In order to break this pattern, Congress is preparing to approve a national defence law prohibiting military interference in internal conflicts. The measure restates the President's constitutional role as Commander-in-Chief of the armed forces and establishes mechanisms that increase civilian participation in military operations and planning.

"The law makes it very clear that national defence is a joint responsibility to be shared by both civilian and military leaders," the Defence Minister, Señor Horacio Jaunarena, said in an interview. That is a new concept in a country where civilian supervision of the military has traditionally been non-existent.

The key problem remains one of trying to integrate the uniformed services into the rest of society, a difficult task that has not been made any easier by the continuing trials of former military officers for human rights violations committed during the 1976-1983 dictatorship.

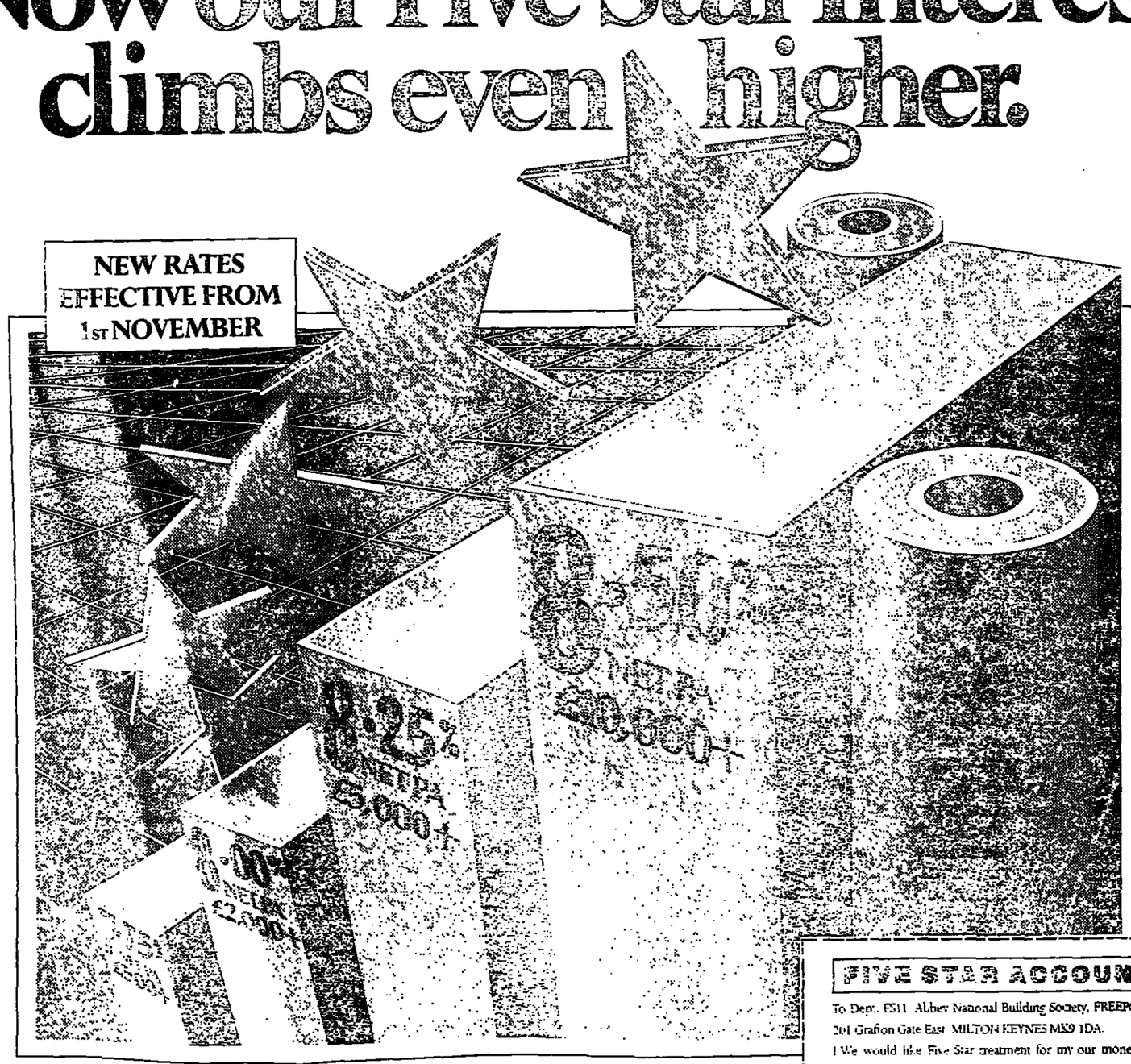
The judicial proceedings are a constant source of tension within the military, who claim that the notion of due obedience gives immunity from prosecution to all but the top commanders.

Civilian leaders, however, will also have to change their behaviour if they are to establish authority over the armed forces on a permanent basis.

"We Argentines must overcome the double standard we have maintained towards the military. We have either been afraid of them or we have wanted to subject them," said Senator Antonio Berhongaray, the chairman of the Senate armed services committee.

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WORLD SUMMARY

20,000 gold miners on strike

Johannesburg – Twenty thousand black miners went on strike at three South African gold mines yesterday in a dispute over a 3.5 per cent pay rise (Ray Kennedy writes).

There were signs that the strike at the Kloof, Deelkraal and Doornfontein mines owned by Gold Fields of South Africa could spread to three other mines in the group.

But Mr Marcel Golding, a spokesman for the black National Union of Mineworkers, said the spread of the strike had been baulked by a "heavy mine security presence". Mr Attie Roets of the Gold Fields group said action by mine security personnel was necessary to protect the entire labour force.

Meanwhile, efforts were continuing yesterday to recover the bodies of six blacks killed on Sunday when a 2.5 ton iron bucket plummeted to the bottom of a ventilation shaft at the Randfontein Estates gold mine west of Johannesburg.

Second Colombian journalist held in US

Bogotá – Another Colombian woman journalist has been detained in the United States as a supposed "political undesirable" only two weeks after a colleague was similarly held by US immigration authorities in a case which led to fierce criticism of the Reagan Administration (Geoffrey Matthews writes).

Olga Behar, a former national television newscaster here, was detained on her arrival in Miami on a flight from Spain on Sunday. Yesterday she was under virtual house arrest in a local hotel, where US immigration officers were placed on guard outside her room.

Two weeks ago Patricia Lara, a journalist with the Bogotá daily *El Tiempo*, was detained and subsequently deported.

French Fagin

Paris (AFP) – Paris police have arrested a Yugoslav who controlled an army of gypsy children trained to relieve tourists of wallets and valuables.

Alexander Pavlovic, aged 58, admitted that he had an agreement with youngsters of gypsy camps in the eastern Paris suburbs. Police found jewellery and piles of 11 different currencies at his home.

The children crowd round tourists, with some jostling them to distract their attention while others snatch wallets and jewellery.

Poisoned river

Oslo – Akerselv, Oslo's answer to the Thames, has been poisoned and large numbers of fish killed, the Norwegian Institute for Water Research said (Tony Samstag writes).

The Akerselv had been the object of a prolonged clean-up campaign, and the first of thousands of young salmon released into the river had begun to return as adults.

An accidental spillage at one of the factories operating along the banks of the river may be responsible for the pollution, discovered at the weekend.

Soldiers accused

Harare (AFP) – Two former soldiers in the Zimbabwean Army's notorious Fifth Brigade have been charged with murdering three British tourists in the eastern mountain resort of Inyanga.

The bodies of Richard John Prankerd, aged 32, his sister, Nicola Jane Prankerd, aged 24, and a friend, Alison Jones, aged 25, were found in August 1982.

Divers killed

Moscow (Reuter) – Two Soviet divers were killed searching for survivors from the liner Admiral Nakhimov, which sank in the Black Sea with the loss of 398 people, *Pravda* reported.

The divers were brought to the surface above the wreck of the liner, which sank off the port of Novorossiysk after a collision with the cargo ship, Pyotr Vasev, but could not be revived.

Shot admiral dies

Lima (AFP) – Vice-Admiral Gerónimo Cafferata, head of Peru's Industrial Bank, who was wounded in a terrorist attack almost two weeks ago, has died at a Baltimore, Maryland, hospital, where he had been flown in a coma.

Airbus foresight saved 247 lives

By Harvey Elliott
Air Correspondent

A three-feet-square inspection panel and a decision by Airbus Industrie to build three "fail-safe" hydraulic systems into their A-300 jets saved the lives of 247 people.

The panel blew out of the tail of the Thai International jet high over Japan following an explosive decompression which injured more than 60 passengers and left Airbus executives anxiously awaiting a full-scale report into the incident that could have turned into a major disaster.

Had the panel not been built to enable engineers to check the internal mechanism below the tailplane of the aircraft the rushing air could have blown off the tail section and sent the jet plunging into the sea.

And had the Airbus's designers not insisted on three completely separate and independent hydraulic systems capable of controlling the jet's moving surfaces the pilot would have had no chance of landing.

As it was Flight 620 from Manilla to Osaka in Japan landed safely. But many passengers were bruised and battered after being thrown around the cabin for 10 terrifying minutes. Several were in danger of being sucked out altogether and some fell through a hole in the floor into the cargo bay.

Now Airbus is anxiously awaiting the first reports on the incident, which could have a serious effect on their future prospects of challenging the dominance of Boeing.

First indications are that there was a catastrophic failure in the rear pressure bulkhead which holds in the pressurized air in the main passenger cabin. A similar failure led directly to the crash of the Japan Airlines Boeing 747 last year, when the jet of high-pressure air literally blew off the tail fin and left the aircraft to career about the sky uncontrollably before hitting a mountainside.

The mystery of the Thai jet is that it was only three weeks old, having been delivered from Airbus on October 9. It had made just 45 flights and had been in the air for a total of 130 hours.

It is possible that the bulkhead was itself damaged by something else, perhaps the failure of another part of the fuselage or even a bomb. But a large section of it was found to be missing when it was first inspected, indicating that the concave bulkhead had split.

Now experts will want to subject the metal in the bulkhead to minute examination to see if there was a flaw in the particular batch from which it was made, and will also be looking closely at the fuselage near the rear of the aircraft.

The version of the A 300 involved – a series 600 – had part of the rear fuselage removed, another section added in the centre and a tailplane for the later A310 built on.

The experts will want to know if this modification weakened the structure in some way and led to the near disaster.

Meanwhile, no special safety instructions were being issued to the three countries which operate that particular type of aircraft – Thailand, Saudi Arabia and Kuwait.

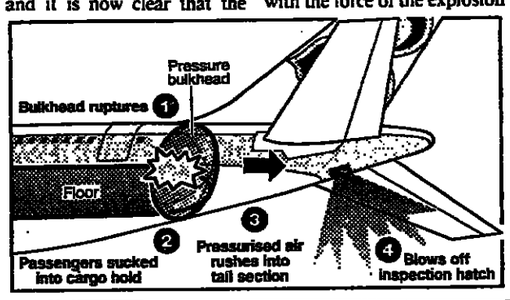
● TOKYO: Since entering service the Thai plane had apparently developed a series of pressurization problems and it is now clear that the bulkhead exploded in flight (David Watts writes).

The revelation that a bulkhead failure was the cause of the incident is likely to put a brake on sales of the A 300 family of airliners, which have recently been selling very well, particularly in the United States.

According to the Civil Aviation Bureau two-thirds of the rear bulkhead was blown out with the force of the explosion



Passengers on the stricken Thai International Airlines A 300 Airbus, some grimacing with fear, prepare for an emergency landing after a mid-air explosion caused loss of cabin pressure. The photograph was taken by one of the passengers.



Black box sent to US

Karachi (Reuter) – The flight recorder from the Pakistani airliner which crashed near Peshawar on Thursday killing 13 people will be sent to the United States for analysis, aviation sources said yesterday.

Pakistan's Civil Aviation Authority has contacted the US National Transport Safety Board for assistance, they said.

The Pakistan International Airways Fokker Friendship F 27 was carrying 54 people when it ploughed into a field about six miles short of the airport at Peshawar, near the Afghan border.

Twenty-eight people were taken to hospital, but 13 emerged almost completely unscathed. The cause of the accident is unknown.

Mayors to work with Athens

From Mario Modiano
Athens

Two conservative politicians, who managed to wrest control of important cities from their Socialist mayors in the Greek local elections, vowed to pursue policies of collaboration rather than confrontation with the Socialist Government.

Mr Miltos Evert and Mr Andreas Andrianopoulos, mayors-elect of Athens and Piraeus respectively, told a joint press conference that they were willing to work with the Government to improve conditions in the two cities.

Unveiling what they described as their "new philosophy" of moderation and consensus, Mr Evert announced he would appoint deputy mayors from all the rival camps, including the Socialists and Communists.

Final results of the local elections showed that although the Socialists maintained first position their losses had been substantial.

In 1982, government-backed candidates won 167 out of 276 municipalities. In 1986, with the total number of municipalities at 303, they carried only 146, losing more than one-fifth of their share.

Conservative mayors controlled 49 cities in 1982 compared with 78 last week – a 46 percent gain. The Communist Party increased its share from 43 to 53 cities. Out of 51 provincial capitals 31 elected Socialist mayors – a loss of five – while 13 (including the three biggest) opted for conservatives and five for Communists.

The Socialists were also ahead in 3,000 of the 5,300 villages, having lost some 500 communes to the conservatives, who hold 2,000.

Gunmen halt Sidon fighting

From Juan Carlos Gumucio
Sidon

It took gunmen of Mr Mustafa Saad's Popular Liberation Army to bring about a ceasefire in the hills east of Sidon yesterday.

Mr Saad's militia – Sunni Muslims to a man – were probably the only ones who could arrange a truce after two days of heavy fighting between Palestinian guerrillas and Shia Muslim Amal forces.

Even the Syrians were unable to stop promptly the battles that followed the most forceful Palestinian offensive in south Lebanon in four years.

The truce was brought about by the Palestinians' realization that they had gained a tactical victory, sealed by an agreement to hand over to Mr Saad's men four villages they had captured.

The latter are far better disposed towards the Palestinians than to Amal, something illustrated by the PLA's decision to stop truckloads of ammunition from reaching Amal fighters.

The PLA's preferences were evident yesterday when PLA forces began moving into positions captured by the guerrillas from Amal in battles that raged since Saturday. Palestinian guerrillas escorted PLA officials as they toured the streets of the village of Ein el-Dib.

The camaraderie eclipsed the signs of the fragile nature of the truce and the men ignored the occassional artillery thuds

Reports from Tyre said 33 people were killed and more than 100 injured in the Sidon area alone this month during the new outbreak of violence.

Blind guerrilla jailed for Briton's murder

Lod, Israel (Reuter) – An Israeli military court yesterday jailed for life the blind leader of a Palestinian guerrilla band found guilty of killing a British tourist, Paul Appleby, and an Israeli businesswoman in Arab East Jerusalem.

Ala Edin al-Bazian, aged 28, was arrested on suspicion of heading a seven-member guerrilla band that shot Appleby dead last April near the Garden Tomb in Jerusalem, revered by some Christian groups as Jesus' burial place.

Gang members were also found guilty of wounding a West German and an American tourist in other attacks.

Mr al-Bazian lost his sight in a 1979 bombing attempt. Jailed then for two years, he soon resumed his guerrilla activities and was imprisoned again in 1981 for killing a German tourist.

He was among 1,150 convicted guerrillas freed by Israel in a May 1985 prisoner exchange for three Israeli soldiers captured in Lebanon.

Prosecutors said the group belonged to a hardline faction of the Palestine Liberation Organization led by Abu Moussa.

● HONG KONG: Four men pleaded not guilty yesterday to charges of raping and murdering a British teenager and killing her companion on a lonely Hong Kong hillside (Reuter reports).

A fifth defendant has already pleaded guilty to murder but not guilty to rape.

The battered bodies of Nicola Myers, aged 18, and Kenneth McBride, aged 17, were found in April last year.

New deal for Spain's schools

From Richard Wigg, Avila, Spain

The head teacher goes to the classroom window, with its view of a Castilian village church, ploughed fields and hills in the far distance.

"A reading book talking about skyscrapers or traffic lights is useless for our children," he said. "We must fit these children so that they can choose later whether they want to make their lives here or in the towns," he explained.

Señor Jesús Garcia, aged 29, a maths teacher and son of a rural Civil Guard, has charge of Spain's oldest educational experiment.

It is a state primary and middle school, with one or two classrooms located in six different villages along the valley of Ambles, with 10 teachers rotating among a total of 140 children who elsewhere in Spain would all be bussed into the nearest urban centre.

Ambles, situated 10 miles from here, is part of a reform programme by Señor José Maravall, Spain's Education Minister, designed to end decades of neglect of rural schools.

This autumn saw the beginning of a new school year and the first full operation of the Socialist Government's controversial Right to Education Law, known as Lode.

Under the 1987 Education Ministry budget totalling 601,500 million pesetas (more than £300 million), some £30 million is planned to be spent on "compensation programmes", largely to benefit rural schools.

A new decree will mean that the compulsory bussing started by the Franco regime, when the rural exodus began from poor agricultural regions like Castile, will stop if parents in a group of villages want to follow the Ambles experiment.

For the first time this year books and teaching material, for which Spanish parents have had to pay even in state schools, are free to some 200,000 children living in villages or towns with less than 10,000 inhabitants.

Under Franco the private sector, often lay bodies close to the Catholic church, responded to an exploding demand and the country's population shifts. Such primary and secondary facilities are concentrated in the towns.

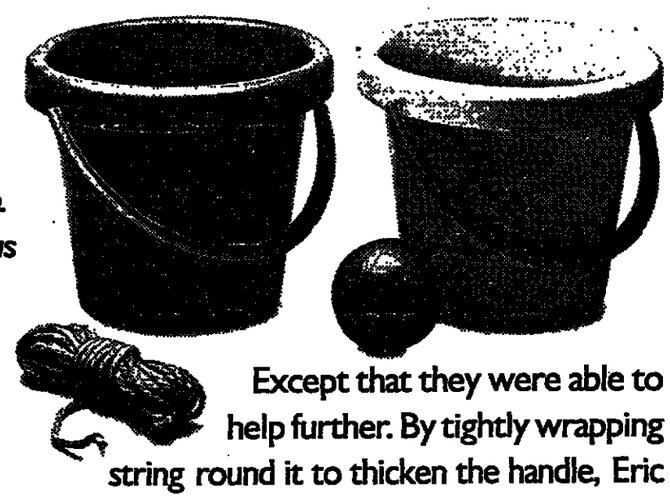
This year 5.5 million children will receive primary or middle schooling, with 36 per cent of them going to schools privately run but often subsidized up to 100 per cent by the Education Ministry.

Some 145,000 million pesetas of next year's education budget will go to subsidize these privately-run schools, with Señor Maravall emphasizing an increase of 20,000 million pesetas to offset inflation and improve teachers' salaries.

The controversy over the Lode centres around the increased control the Government is taking over the private sector and over school councils, on which parents, teachers, other staff and the children are represented, and which also began this autumn.

The private school organizations and many middle-class parents regard this as political interference. Some of the best known private schools are opting out of the system, but the rest are keenly aware that few Spanish parents are willing, or able, to make the sacrifices needed to go fee-paying.

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Overcrowding crisis in jails

France may release 5,000 prisoners

From Diana Geddes, Paris

The French Justice Minister yesterday announced plans to release between 5,000 and 8,000 prisoners before the end of the year as an emergency measure to help reduce the pressure in the grossly-overcrowded prisons while awaiting the construction of the country's first private prisons.

France's prison population has risen to a record 47,000 in a system designed to hold a maximum of 32,000. Many prisoners are crammed three or even four to a cell intended for just one person. The prison authorities have long feared an explosion.

M Albert Chalandon, the Justice Minister, said yesterday that he "hated" the idea of a collective presidential pardon, which would be required to free the prisoners, but no other solution seemed possible.

"On the basis of the present budget, it would require 67 years to adapt the capacity of the prisons to the crime rate: even with my new budget for next year, it would take 20 years," he said.

"I know this decision will be viewed badly by the public, but for the past 15 years we have not managed to adapt our prison system to the rise in crime. I have launched an emergency programme to build an additional 5,000 places, but that may not be enough ... We are in an interim situation before my Bill (on private prisons) is passed."

But, in a curious semi-denial of what had been announced by a senior Justice official at a press breakfast yesterday, and apparently confirmed by M Chalandon on television at midday, the Justice Ministry insisted in a statement later that no measure involving the mass liberation of prisoners was "being studied at present", and that in consequence all such comments were "premature".

Soon after M Chalandon took office after the right's return to power last March, he announced his intention to follow the American example of creating private prisons to supplement the public system. The final touches are now being put to his Bill, which envisages the creation of 25,000 places in 60-70 private prisons over the next four years.

The Government expects to pay the private establishments around 300 francs (£32) a day for each prisoner, who would be held under exactly the same conditions as in public jails.

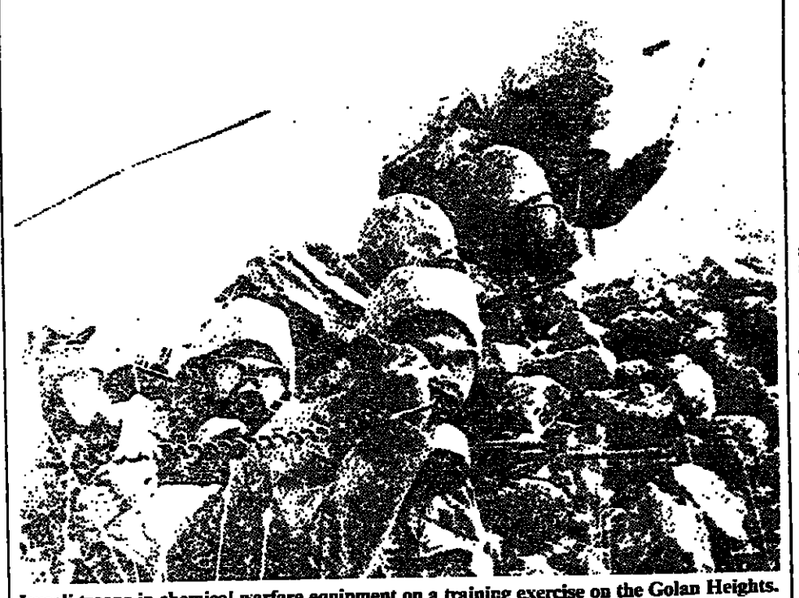
Prison staff would be privately employed, but would be subject to the same conditions of service as in the public sector, including a total ban on strike action.

Although the cost of looking after a prisoner in public prisons is substantially lower — 170 francs a day — the Government considers that the estimated 400,000 francs cost of building each new prison place in the public sector has become prohibitive. Hence its decision to turn to the private sector.

The former Socialist Justice Minister, M Robert Badinter, had already sounded a note of alarm last year, when he complained that France had the lowest prison expenditure as a proportion of national wealth of any European country.

"The prison situation is a constant source of anxiety and humiliation to me," he said in a press interview.

In July last year, M Badinter took a similar measure to that now proposed by M Chalandon, when he reduced all prison sentences by one month apart from those being served for certain serious crimes. This resulted in the early release of 2,763 prisoners.



Israeli troops in chemical warfare equipment on a training exercise on the Golan Heights.

Syrians lure Swedish tourists

From Christopher Mosey
Stockholm

As Sweden's long, cold, dark winter starts to set in, the country's 8.3 million citizens are being offered a new "get away from it all" tourist goal, a land of sunshine and unspoilt beaches: Syria.

The "come to sunny Syria" campaign is being launched in Sweden despite Britain's moves to isolate the country as a base for international terrorism following revelations at the Hindawi trial in London.

Next month 70 Swedish celebrities, journalists, travel agents and, curiously, two doctors and two priests will be flown on an all-expenses-paid trip to Damascus, staying at a first class hotel. They will be taken on trips to beauty spots and places of historic interest, in the hope that they will eulogize the wonders of the place upon returning to Sweden.

Mr Christer Persson, a diplomat at the Swedish Foreign Ministry, said the party would be given no special advice before the trip.

"Sweden has normal diplomatic relations with Syria," he said. "These are private people, representing private interests and the Swedish Government has no right to tell them what to do."

Egypt's population explosion

IMF stand-by aid leaves economic crisis unresolved

From Robert Fisk, Cairo

With the first national census in 10 years likely to show another remarkable increase in the country's population, Egypt is relying on the International Monetary Fund (IMF) to provide it with further huge loans to offset crippling foreign debts standing at $3 billion (£2.1 million) this year alone.

IMF officials began talks with Egyptian ministers here on Saturday and have let it be known that the country's request for stand-by credit is likely to be granted because of improvements in its economic programme.

If the IMF can take comfort from recent Customs reforms and a half-promise from ministers in Cairo to apply a free market exchange rate to the Egyptian pound, there can be no long-term optimism about the country's near hopeless over-population.

Egypt's inhabitants, hitherto estimated at around 50 million, are now believed to number at least 51 million and some officials in the Central Agency for Public Mobilization and Statistics fear that the true figure after the national census on November 17 could be nearer 52 million.

Whatever steps the Egyptian Government takes, therefore, to support its finances, which have already been damaged by a military debt to the US of $4.5 billion, the fertility of the population and the virtual failure of a 20-year family planning programme mean that the country still faces bottomless economic problems.

A million Egyptians were born during the past nine months, a birthrate which will produce a population of 70 million by the year 2000.

A propaganda campaign by the family planning organization in Egypt proved a lamentable failure.

A television advertisement, which showed a father in his living room being gradually overwhelmed by the sheer weight of his children, created such hatred in rural parts of Egypt it was banned by broadcasting authorities.

Few people in Egypt have a more acute awareness of the problem than Dr Aziz el-Bendary, who was head of the family planning organization for 13 years until he resigned to become an adviser on social affairs to the Prime Minister in 1984.

"When you come from Europe and ask an Egyptian why he has so many children, you are confusing two value systems. The Egyptian will want to know why you don't have more children, not why he should have less."

There are some signs of hope. Egypt in some ways reflects the society of Victorian England, with the largest families among the very poor and the very rich. The artisan class — "those who strive and sweat for their bread," as Dr el-Bendary puts it — are controlling the size of their families.

The working-class Cairo suburb of Chubra, a place of Dickensian tenements, rat-infested alleyways and Stakhanovite factories, now produces families with an average of between 1.52 and 1.7 children per married couple.

And while Cairo is now bursting at the seams, its slums overcrowded, its graveyards providing homes for the poor, it remains a fact that the rate of migration to the capital from the country is higher than the city's birth rate. Of Cairo's 4.5 per cent annual increase in population, 2.5 per cent is made up of the rural poor who flock there.

"You have to concentrate on the country," Dr el-Bendary says. "There are two schools of thought. You can put your energy into expensive propaganda campaigns and in lavish supplies of contraceptives to limit families. Or — and this is my choice — you can lay down a foundation for change. One of the catastrophes of Egypt is the still prevailing rate of illiteracy which is between 40 per cent and 50 per cent for men and 90 per cent for women.

"The more the women of Egypt are educated, the more they will be engaged in the active labour force. They will earn their own income and they will feel the need for limiting their family."

In the early 1970s Dr el-Bendary started a unique project. He went to a remote and backward Egyptian village called Badr and set up a garment factory, educating, training and employing the women in the village.

"The project was economically sound, the women earned money and within five or six years, 60 per cent of females in the village were family planners. The way to change the population growth is to concentrate on rural Egypt and to develop it as quickly as possible."

But Islamic radicals have condemned some family planning projects, claiming that they are funded by the US which wants to "weaken the strength of Muslims against US imperialism".

Thousands go to wall in Houston

From Paul Vallely
Houston

Texas finance houses foreclosed on more than 4,000 family homes in the city of Houston and its environs in the first week of this month; it was a record and yet another indication of the severity of the localized recession from which the American oil economy continues to suffer.

In addition the area recorded an unprecedented number of bankruptcies this month, the number of insurance companies which went bust also reached a record high and a survey announced that a quarter of the industry's most senior geologists were now out of work.

Of the 4,300 properties posted for foreclosure 2,500 were repossessed. Between 80 per cent and 90 per cent of these were private homes whose occupants became homeless.

The slump means that many homes auctioned this month went for less than the debt outstanding on them.

Most of the 93 insurance companies now in receivership failed after writing premiums at low levels in the expectation of reinvesting at high, boom-years interest rates.

The Texan oil industry has 24 per cent of its senior research and exploration now looking for work, according to the American Association of Petroleum Geologists.

The percentage for junior geologists is even higher, and American dependence upon oil imports has risen from 29 per cent in January to 43 per cent in September.

Unemployment is at the highest level ever measured in other industries, too. Local radio stations are dominated by adverts for firms which will teach redundant executives how to apply for new jobs or firms which deal in the preparation of *curricula vitae*.

Bankruptcies have become so routine that, unless they involve something as sensational as the insolvency of the flagship business of the illustrious Hunt family, as happened last month, the local newspaper mentions them only in a regular list of who has gone to the wall that day.

Chernobyl looting punished

Moscow (AFP) — Two Interior Ministry officials have been punished and security measures toughened in the restricted zone around Chernobyl, after reports that some evacuated homes had been looted, *Pravda* reported yesterday.

The officials, identified as Mr V. Skopich, responsible for the Chernobyl area, and Mr V. Bovsulovski, for Kiev, were reprimanded.

Pravda said proceedings had been started against people who had entered the restricted zone without permission, and police patrols had been stepped up.

Polar bid

Christchurch (Reuter) — A Norwegian explorer, Monica Kristensen, has left on an Antarctic expedition, hoping to become the first woman to reach the South Pole on foot.

Iraq curbs

Baghdad (Reuter) — Iraq announced tough new measures to curb corruption, with penalties of up to life imprisonment for government employees who accept bribes.

Death penalty

Kuala Lumpur (AFP) — A Thai salesman has been sentenced to death for illegal possession of a revolver and ammunition.

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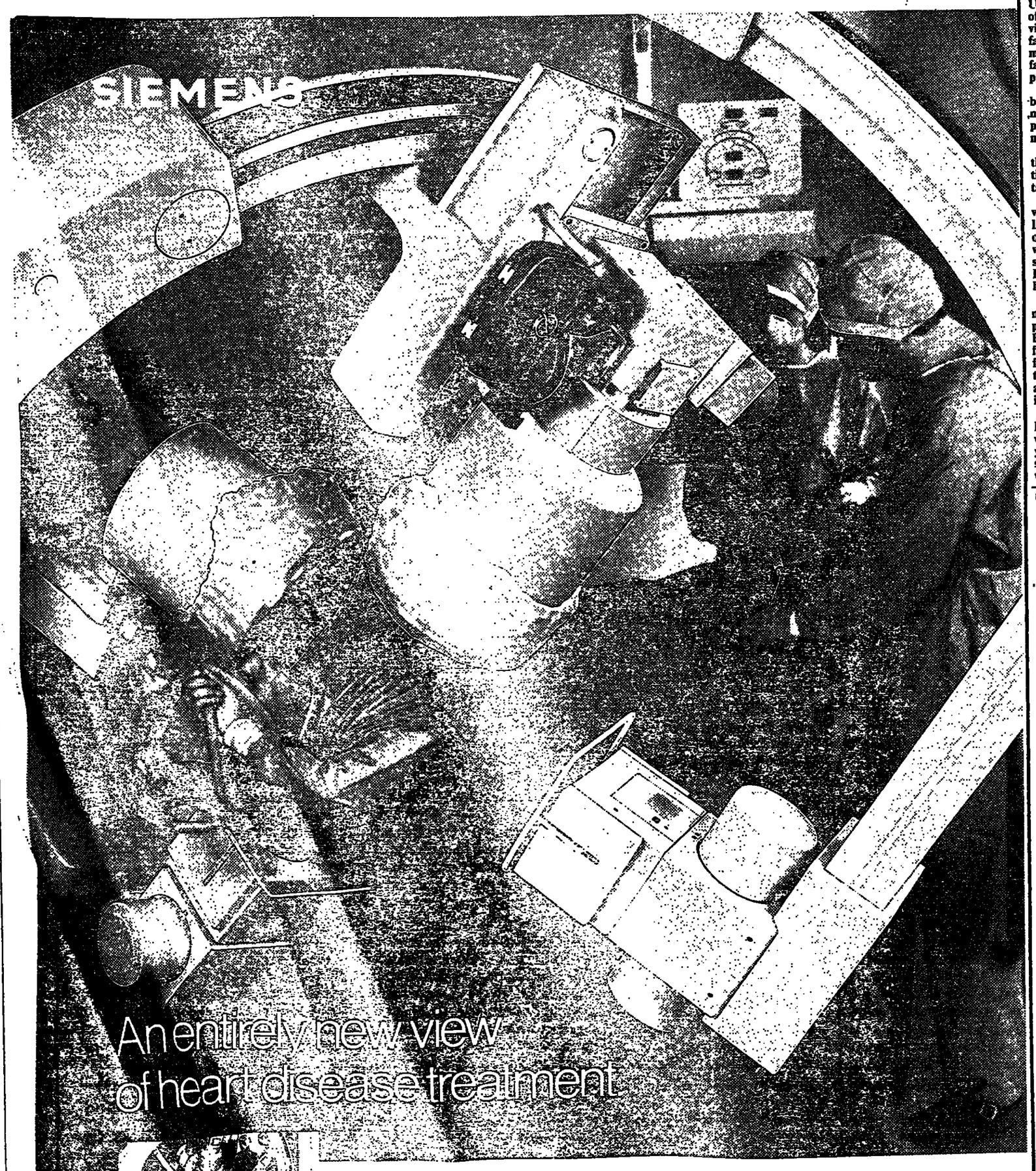
Lagos (Reuter) — Fourteen people were publicly executed by firing squad for armed robbery in Bendel state of southern Nigeria, the News Agency of Nigeria reported.

Heroin haul

Madrid — The municipal police chief in the Mediterranean town of Vilanova, south of Barcelona, has been arrested as he was about to cross Spain's road frontier into France in possession of more than 1 lb of heroin.

Chess team

Moscow (AP) — World champions Garri Kasparov and Maya Chiburdanidze will lead a powerful Soviet team at the World Chess Olympiad in Dubai, Tass reported.



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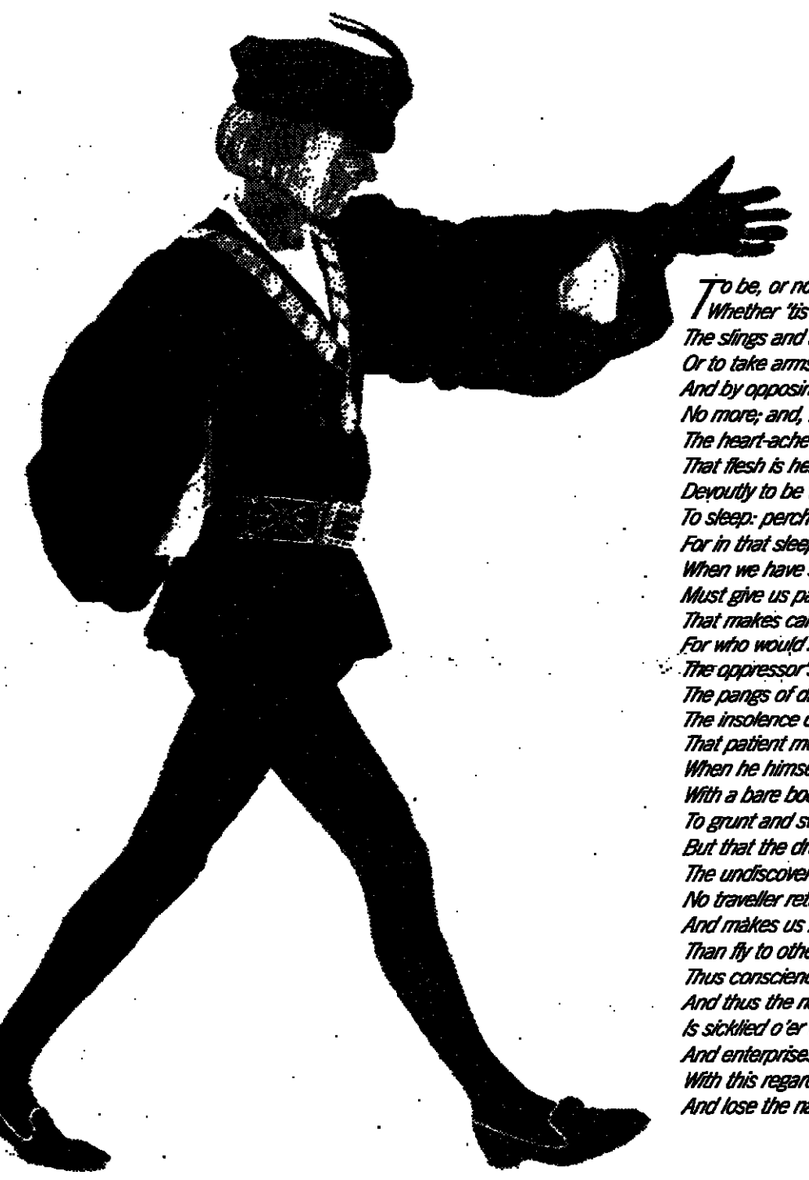
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The slings and arrows of outrageous fortune,
Or to take arms against a sea of troubles,
And by opposing end them? To die: to sleep;
No more; and, by a sleep to say we end
The heart-ache and the thousand natural shocks
That flesh is heir to, 'tis a consummation
Devoutly to be wish'd. To die, to sleep;
To sleep: perchance to dream: ay, there's the rub;
For in that sleep of death what dreams may come
When we have shuffled off this mortal coil,
Must give us pause. There's the respect
That makes calamity of so long life;
For who would bear the whips and scorns of time,
The oppressor's wrong, the proud man's contumely,
The pangs of dispriz'd love, the law's delay,
The insolence of office, and the spurns
That patient merit of the unworthy takes,
When he himself might his quietus make
With a bare bodkin? who would fardels bear,
To grunt and sweat under a weary life,
But that the dread of something after death,
The undiscover'd country from whose boum
No traveller returns, puzzles the will,
And makes us rather bear those ills we have
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Bitter election prompts battered Sir Joh to campaign even harder

From Stephen Taylor
Brisbane

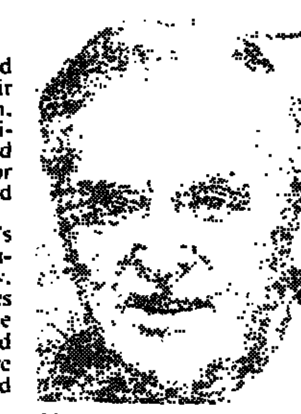
For a politician who is said to be on his last legs, Sir Johannes Bjelke-Petersen, aged 75, peanut farmer, fanatical aviator, lay-preacher and self-confessed "fascist dictator of Queensland" looks in good shape.

The Premier of Australia's "Deep North" was in particularly fine form yesterday, swatting the barbed deliveries of reporters with a panache sadly lacking in the dejected England cricketers who were being humbled down the road at the Woollongabba Oval.

Not that Sir Joh, the most durable and idiosyncratic of Australian politicians, is without problems. Far from it: an acrimonious state election campaign has given rise to allegations of corruption within his administration, which on Saturday could end 18 years' rule in Queensland.

But, despite opinion polls which show support for his National Party down to 26 per cent, Sir Joh blandly asserted that Queenslanders were happy with an "honest and straightforward government".

And having earlier defended a soft loan to a party colleague on the grounds that it was only "a lousy Australian $145,000" (about £55,000), he went on yesterday to suggest that the Opposition was in some way corrupt by being sympathetic to the "poker machine lobby" which wanted to import the kind of criminal activity common "down south".



Sir Joh: Reacting coolly under fire.

Other probing questions are being asked and not being answered: about an out-of-court payment totalling $Aus400,000 to Sir Joh by Mr Alan Bond, the businessman who is an important investor in Queensland, to settle a libel action privately; and about gerrymandered new political boundaries which mean that a party which won outright parliamentary control in 1983 with 39 per cent of the vote (compared with 44 for Labor) now needs only 36 per cent to retain it.

Sir Joh's decline in opinion polls (for the first time since coming to power a majority disapprove of his performance as Premier) has been reflected in his own party.

Accusations of cronyism, involving patronage and favouritism, which have been routinely made by the opposition parties, were taken up last week by Sir Roderick Proctor, a senior National Party official, who admitted that the allegations had foundation. He said that in a number of instances the tendering process had been no more than a charade.

The timing could not have been worse. The same conservative voters, many of them European migrants, who were Sir Joh's main instrument in keeping at bay the "socialism" represented by the Hawke Government in Canberra, are now wondering whether their trust may have been misplaced.

But the Premier has responded by campaigning harder than ever.



The 18-month-old Peruvian baby, Agneta, reunited with her aunt after being released by the Swedish police.

Swedes defend baby's arrest in terrorism raid

From Christopher Mosey, Stockholm

Swedish police yesterday defended as "common sense" the arrest of an 18-month-old baby, daughter of a suspected Peruvian terrorist.

Twenty police wearing bulletproof vests, riot helmets and gas masks and carrying sub-machine guns took the child from relatives with whom she had been left when her parents went underground to avoid deportation.

After a storm of protest at the weekend the child was on Sunday night taken from the childrens' home where she had been placed for two days and returned to her relatives.

Superintendent Jan Haglov, Chief of Police at Jakobsberg, the Stockholm suburb where the incident occurred, said yesterday: "It was pure common sense to take the child into custody. The deportation order is for the whole family. We were just following the rules."

Superintendent Karin Ewald, of the Stockholm police, said the baby was held because police believed the parents would be taken into custody soon afterwards.

The arrest was part of a crackdown on suspected terrorists in Sweden.

The baby's father, a suspected member or supporter of Sendero Luminoso (Shining Path), the Peruvian guerrilla movement, has been refused political asylum in Sweden.

A spokesman for the Immigration Ministry said yesterday that the deportations of all the Peruvians, including the baby, would go ahead as soon as possible.

Watchdog for rights in Pakistan

From Hasan Akhtar
Islamabad

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Some [illegible] Pakistani Christian [illegible] also complained of [illegible] discrimination [illegible] while many [illegible] missionary schools had been taken over by the Government, other private schools had been left untouched.

Famine in Bangladesh

Dhaka – Eight children have died of starvation in the past two weeks in northern Bangladesh, and about 200 people suffering from malnutrition are reporting daily at local hospitals as a result of an acute food shortage, the Bengali-language daily, *Sangbad*, reports (Ahmed Fazl writes).

Government officials denied any deaths from starvation, but said that there were cases of malnutrition following harvest failure and floods.

The newspaper, quoting a local voluntary organization, *Chhinno Mukul*, said that an estimated 3,000 malnourished children were being housed in 12 emergency feeding centres in Kurigram district.

Opposition parties have called on the Government to declare the district, which has a population of 1.3 million, a famine-stricken area.

Thai caution at communist overtures

From Neil Kelly
Bangkok

"When the head moves the tail wags," said the Thai Foreign Ministry official. He was referring to the consequences of the Soviet Union's recent call for closer ties with Asia, and the possibility that it might produce better relations between Thailand and the communist countries of South-East Asia.

Since a speech by Mr Mikhail Gorbachov, the Soviet leader, in Vladivostok three months ago there has been a flurry of diplomatic activity in South-East Asia, highlighted by requests from Vietnam and Laos for better relations with Thailand despite deep differences over Vietnam's policy on Cambodia.

Thai responses are cautious, as officials generally play down in public the possibility of any improvement, but there is a considerable body of opinion among Thai political groups, academics, businessmen and even the military, for a more pragmatic policy towards the communist states.

According to those views Thailand and Vietnam need to learn to live together, and Bangkok must come to accept that Cambodia will be a client state of Hanoi for the foreseeable future.

The Government is also under strong pressure to open up trade with the three countries so that Thailand can regain important export markets lost to other countries. It is pointed out that Singapore benefits most from trans-shipping Thai products to Vietnam. Thailand's own trade difficulties, with the protection and subsidy measures of the US, the EEC and Japan, add to that pressure.

Dr Thanat Khoman, the Foreign Minister in several military governments, recently told the Thai Parliament's foreign relations committee that trade with Vietnam, Laos and Cambodia should be boosted, as the present policy reflected Thai fear and lack of self-confidence and self-esteem. "We sell them the things they want, not our souls," he said.

Vietnam's need for economic changes appears even more urgent. Mr Truong Chinh, the party leader and President, has said that Soviet aid, thought to be at least $1 billion (£689 million) a year, was being squandered because of mismanagement and corruption inside the party, and consequently Moscow might cut off further aid.

This bleak report is seen in Bangkok as another reason for Hanoi's new overtures. Mr Vo Dong Giang, a foreign affairs specialist and Minister without Portfolio, came to Bangkok last week, saying that Vietnam was ready to be friends.

Although Thai and Vietnamese forces have just fought a month-long battle for a strategic hill on the Thai-Cambodian border, Mr Giang arranged a meeting with Mr Prapass Limpabandhu, the deputy Foreign Minister, and was able to say they had covered "new elements".

Reliable sources disclosed that Vietnam is now willing to concede that Thailand has legitimate interests in the outcome of the Cambodian conflict.

At the same time the Vietnamese minister assured the Thais that there would be no military offensive along the Cambodian border in the forthcoming dry season unless the anti-Vietnamese guerrillas re-established military bases there.

Commenting on these developments and on the attitude of the Vietnamese Government, Mr Assada Chaiyamana, who has just completed his term as Thai Ambassador in Hanoi, said "the atmosphere is now excellent" to improve ties.

Law Report October 28 1986

Evidence of video recording admissible without the tape

Taylor v Chief Constable of Cheshire

Before Lord Justice Ralph Gibson and Mr Justice McNeill

[Judgment October 27]

Failure to produce in court an original video recording which purported to show a person committing an offence, did not render evidence of the contents of that video recording inadmissible.

The Queen's Bench Divisional Court so held dismissing an appeal by way of case stated by the defendant, Douglas Andrew Taylor, who was found guilty of an offence under the Theft Act 1968 on the basis of evidence of two police officers from what they had seen on a video recording.

Mr Timothy A. R. King for the appellant; Miss Jane Hayward for the prosecutor.

LORD JUSTICE RALPH GIBSON said that the information alleged that the appellant stole a packet of Duracell batteries, the property of W. H. Smith Ltd, contrary to section 1 of the Theft Act 1968.

The evidence for the prosecution rested in part upon what witnesses had seen on a video recording. At trial copies of that recording were not available before the justices.

Objection was taken that evidence tended by the prosecution was not admissible. The justices made a preliminary ruling that the evidence was admissible.

The objection taken to the admissibility of the prosecution's evidence was that although the video recording itself was admissible, the evidence of the police officers was inadmissible, the reason being that they were not giving evidence of what they saw directly.

The submissions made by Mr King on behalf of the appellant were that without production of the original recording or an approved copy, no evidence could be given by any witness of what he saw, because that would be hearsay. Where evidence was given of the original recording, evidence could be given to supplement it.

His Lordship was unable to accept that submission. Evidence tended was not inadmissible in law by reference to the hearsay rule alone.

The prosecution submitted that evidence by witnesses of what they saw in the video recording was not different in principle from evidence from witnesses of what they saw in direct vision.

His Lordship accepted that submission and said that he could see no effective distinction between the direct view of the police officers of the incident, and the viewing of the officers of the video display, or of a recording of what was recorded.

He who saw described what he saw because it was relevant evidence provided that it was sufficiently conected in time and place with the incident in question.

The evidence of a witness who saw that display on the recorder did not differ from that of a witness who saw the event from a particular position.

In either case the weight and reliability of the evidence would depend on the assessment of all relevant considerations including clarity and length of observance and the witness' prior knowledge of the person said to be identified.

Where there was a video recording the witness had the opportunity to study again and again what might have been a fleeting glimpse and when the recording was shown to the court his evidence and his increased confidence could be assessed in the light of what the court could itself see.

When the film could not be seen, the court had to hesitate and consider very carefully indeed whether it was sure of guilt, but if it was sure, there was no reason why it should not convict.

MR JUSTICE McNEILL, agreeing, said that where the identification of an offender depended wholly or in major part on the evidence of a witness describing what he saw on a video display unit contemporaneously with the incident or from a copy recorded from the display, whether or not that copy was to be seen by the court, that was necessarily subject to the principles laid down in *R v Turnbull* ([1977] QB 224) concerning identification and juries would be directed and justices had to direct themselves in accordance with that authority.

Solicitors: Byrne Frodsham & Co, Widness; Crown Prosecuting Solicitor, Chester.

Licensed taxi parked unlawfully on hackney carriage stand

Rodgers v Taylor

Before Lord Justice Ralph Gibson and Mr Justice McNeill

[Judgment October 23]

An offence was committed under section 5(1) of the Road Traffic Regulation Act 1984 and the exemption provided by article 5(1)(c) of the City of Gloucester (Eastgate Street) (Waiting Regulation) Order 1982 was inapplicable where a licensed hackney carriage was waiting at an authorized hackney carriage stand for purposes other than of operating as a hackney carriage.

The Queen's Bench Divisional Court so held in dismissing an appeal by the defendant, Charles Duncan Rodgers, by way of case stated against the dismissal at Gloucester Crown Court (Judge Bulger sitting with justices) on March 24, 1986 of his appeal against conviction by Edmonton Justices on November 15, 1985 for an offence in breach of section 5(1) of the 1984 Act and article 5(1) of the 1982 Order.

The 1982 Order provides, by article 5: "(1) Nothing in articles 3 and 4 of this Order shall render it unlawful to cause or permit any vehicle to wait on the sides of lengths of road referred to therein for so long as may be necessary to enable ... (c) If the vehicle is a licensed hackney carriage, to wait at an authorized hackney carriage stand, during the period of time for which the stand is authorized to operate ...".

Miss Frances Judd for the defendant; Mr Philip Gillibrand for the prosecutor.

MR JUSTICE McNEILL said that the defendant's minibus, which was a licensed hackney carriage, was left locked and unattended for a period of approximately one hour at an authorized hackney carriage stand in Eastgate Street, Gloucester.

The question was whether the defendant, while he was not plying for hire, was entitled to the benefit of the exemption provided by article 5(1)(c) of the 1982 Order from the provisions of article 3.

The only sensible construction of article 5(1)(c) was that the exemption should extend for so long as might be necessary to enable the vehicle to wait at an authorized stand for the purposes of operating as a licensed hackney carriage. That did not give a hackney carriage driver a licence to wait for any purpose for any length of time.

Paragraph (c) of article 5(1) would have been better drafted had it begun: "the vehicle, if it is a licensed hackney carriage ...". Then it would have been consistent with paragraphs (b) (d) and (e) of article 5(1).

The appeal would be dismissed.

Lord Justice Ralph Gibson agreed.

Solicitors: Scott & Fowler, Gloucester; Mr R. A. Prickett, Cheltenham.

Proving intention

Regina v Williams (Clarence Ivor)

At the trial of a defendant charged with making a threat to kill, contrary to section 16 of the Offences against the Person Act 1861, evidence of previous history was admissible in the judge's discretion as tending to prove that the defendant intended his words to be taken seriously.

The Court of Appeal (Criminal Division) (Lord Justice Parker, Mr Justice Hodgson and Mr Justice Macpherson) so held on October 17 when giving reasons for dismissing an appeal on October 6 by Clarence Ivor Williams against his conviction on May 12, 1986 at Kingston upon Thames Crown Court (Judge Gibbens and a jury).

MR JUSTICE HODGSON said that the court's attention had been drawn to *R v Berry* (*The Times* February 7, 1986) in which *R v Ball* ([1911] AC 47) was referred to as "dubious authority".

Accordingly their Lordships had re-examined *Ball* in the light of the authorities.

There was a good deal of early authority to support the *dicta* of Lord Atkinson in *Ball* (that evidence of motive was admissible to show that it was more probable that the accused committed the offence charged) and Mr Justice Kennedy in *R v Bond* ([1906] 2 KB 389, 401) (that relations of a murdered man to his assailant were properly admitted to proof as integral parts of the history of the alleged crime, so far as they might reasonably be treated as explanatory of the conduct of the accused).

Their Lordships concluded that those *dicta* correctly represented the law, and that no further doubt about the matter need be felt.

ENTERTAINMENTS

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[illegible] regular list of who has gone to the wall that day.

[illegible] a powerful Soviet team at the World Chess Olympiad in Dubai, Tass reported.

THE ARTS

Archaic charms

With his Bob Geldof smile, his trim bowler and his telegram speech, Simon Callow returned for a third series of *Chance in a Million* (Channel 4), a bizarrely ordinary sitcom inhabiting a Home Counties limbo where there are still jokes to be made about bird-watchers.

Mr Callow plays a man of lumbering foolishness whose every action is diametrically wrong. Last night his long-suffering girlfriend (Brenda Blethyn) had him drive her to Eastbourne for the wake of her elderly admirer. Naturally, the house was full of the old philanderer's conquests and, naturally again, a wedding down the road supplied a larkish counterpoint with the irruption of a strippergram at the wrong address. There was nothing remotely funny about any of this, but the thing does have a certain ramshackle charm deriving from its second-hand references to the English tradition of feeble humour.

TELEVISION

Later, on the same channel, *Oil* reached the end of its lengthy pipeline. This has been an informative and largely intelligent series — particularly good on the biographies of the oil colossi — and has sounded a timely note of concern with its warning of impending crisis.

The final episode, *The Global Gamble*, contrasted the expectations of Kenya with those of California. The former, desperate to discover its reserves of oil before traditional wood-gathering has deforested the whole country, is crawling with sinister seismic trucks; the latter, self-sufficient in the commodity, has ordinances requiring derricks to be disguised as Spanish bell-towers. By such accidents is wealth created.

Elsewhere, Mrs Harlem Brundland (again) banged the gong for research into alternative forms of energy, while Sheikh Yamani inveighed against the fecklessness and imprescience of the U.S. majors in curtailing exploration. It seems that the Oil Age may well be drawing to a close.

Martin Cropper

Primitive in image but professional in technique

GALLERIES

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When is a primitive not a primitive? It is a question calculated to agitate many critical minds at the moment, what with the dreadful spread of highly commercial so-called "primitive" art — to the extent that now there is even a how-to-do-it book in America which teaches you how to paint in the desired primitive fashion. But at least there is one comfortingly unequivocal answer to hand: if his art is so conscious and accomplished as that of **Gaston Chaissac** (1910-1964), now belatedly receiving its first British showing at Fischer Fine Art, until November 21, then whatever the lack of professional training he cannot be regarded as anything but an artist *tout court*.

Chaissac was altogether a very curious case. He was the son of a cobbler and trained to be a cobbler himself. He was never a very successful cobbler, however, and though he started drawing on his own he was first inspired to paint systematically through contact with Otto Freundlich in 1937, achieving his first gallery show the following year. During the war he became very friendly with a group of painters including Gleizes and Lhote, and actually worked in their studios, even if he was never formally trained by either. So when Dubuffet came across his work in 1944, and rapidly exalted it as an ideal example of his concept of an Art Brut, Chaissac was already more or less a professional, moving almost exclusively in artistic circles. It is comforting to discover that his response to Dubuffet's famous preface to his 1947 exhibition was "Idiotic!".

Chaissac was, however, cunning enough to use the idea that he was a child of nature when it suited his purposes: he led on the Naif painting expert Anatole Jakovsky, but Jakovsky recognized immediately that the essential difference between him and the true primitive was that he got his effects with the greatest ease and confidence, while the primitive would niggle away for hours in the vain hope of achieving an academic kind of excellence. Even Dubuffet eventually recognized that his protégé was to all intents and purposes a professional. This means, of course, that we need, and indeed may, make no allowances for a brave try: if the paintings do not work, they do not work.

Fortunately there is no need to call on any special standards to judge the contents of the Fischer show. Chaissac's work sometimes suggests child art, but the sophistication with which he uses these references is unmistakable. It also sometimes recalls that of Dubuffet, though quite possibly one should put the relationship the other way round — and certainly, to my taste at least, he is a far more convincing artist than Dubuffet ever was.

His sense of colour is much more vivid, and his draughtsmanship is a lot more confident and unaffected. The large paintings, with their main elements heavily outlined in black, evince a natural sense of composition, and this is even more startlingly in evidence in the big collages like *Collage sans visage*, which uses its disparate elements — patterned wallpaper, newsprint, fragments of posters and dabs of paint — with a nice sense of the mind controlling what, in the other, later Nouveaux Réalistes, often seemed as arbitrary as the peeling walls from which they drew inspiration. Evidently, when Chaissac proclaimed Picasso as his true master, he was not joking: what he learnt was not the superficial mannerisms but the essentail nature of artistic activity.



Henri Goetz is another friend and disciple of Picasso who does not at first glance betray any relationship in his work. He is now 77 and, though the exhibition of his work presented by the Crawshaw Gallery at Fine Art Associates, 229 Westbourne Grove, until November 9 (again a London first) celebrates "Fifty Years of Painting", in fact nearly all the pieces on show date from the last 20. During that time he has been working almost exclusively on vivid abstracts full of life and movement: a few references seem to suggest that we would not be too far wide of the mark to think of leaves and papers flying round in eddies of air. Before this last abstract phase Goetz was a Surrealist, and before that a realist.

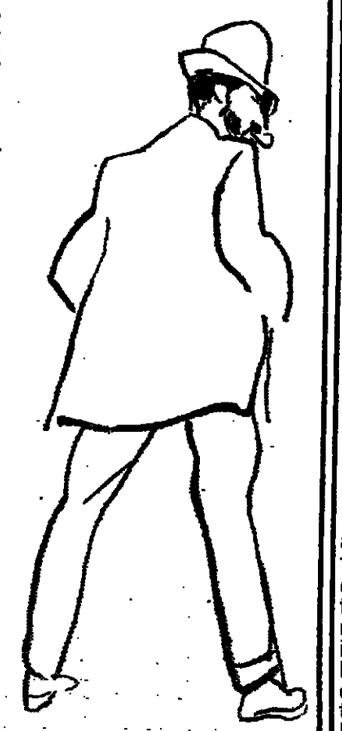
Those earlier phases are documented in the excellent monograph by Heather Waddell which goes with the show, and in the Alain Resnais film of 1946-47 (one of the very earliest surviving works by Resnais, and a great rarity) which the gallery has on show as a video. Again, it is a mystery why we have not seen more of the artist in this country.

Denise Hooker's new biography of **Nina Hamnett** (Constable, £15) dubs her "Queen of Bohemia". Looking at the show at Michael Parkin which accompanies the publication (until November 12, after which it goes to Hull), one cannot help thinking that she was more a victim of Bohemia. She seems to have had everything going for her: striking looks, a magnetic personality, almost universal acquaintance with everyone who was, or was going to be, anybody in the art world of the First World War and the Twenties. And, still more important, a considerable talent as a painter and casual brilliance as a draughtsman. From that to the late photographs of her, a wreck with nothing to recommend her except being one of the sights of Soho and Fitzrovia, seems like a perfect High Victorian warning against the Demon Drink. From Miss Hooker's book we learn a lot more than that, especially about the lively art circles in which she moved.

Yet the works remain, and are well worth looking at again. It would be hard to equal among her contemporaries, dazzling as many of them were, the ease and economy with which she catches *Horace Brodsky* from the back in ten seconds flat, or the wayward charm of her evocations, provoked by Osbert Sitwell, of public statuary in London. The oil paintings are perhaps less exciting, though her *Ringmaster* of c. 1919 is well up to what was happening elsewhere in Europe at the same time, and several of the portraits have solid, sober quality. There are also early portraits of her by others, and works from her circle, right up to the Fifties. A talent frittered away, to be sure; but a talent nevertheless.

John Russell Taylor

A nice sense of the artists's mind controlling arbitrary materials in Gaston Chaissac's *Collage sans visage*; and the economy of Nina Hamnett's swift *Horace Brodsky*



Richard Morrison meets the soprano **Helen Field** (right), who sings Nedda in English National Opera's new production of *Pagliacci* which opens tomorrow at the Coliseum

Living the part as an essential element of self



If there can be "conviction politicians" there can surely also be conviction singers — performers who live and breathe their belief in an operatic role as much as sing it. Helen Field, who is Nedda in English National Opera's new production of Leoncavallo's *Pagliacci* (opening tomorrow, in inevitable harness with Mascagni's *Cavalleria Rusticana*), is one such singer. In the last few seasons she has put together a series of performances remarkable for their involvement and intensity. One thinks of her Jenufa, her Desdemona in Peter Stein's Welsh National Opera *Otello* and, most famously, her unexpected but triumphant New York debut at the Met — substituting at short notice for Valerie Masterson in *Rigoletto*, and rescuing ENO's American tour from embarrassment at that point.

The youthful, slender Welsh soprano knows that her extraordinary dramatic commitment is her greatest asset, but it has a price. "People ask 'what else do you do?', but I don't really do anything else, except run my home. Opera is all-consuming. On stage I have to give all I've got — there is nothing left over." Luckily, her husband knows all about opera's pressures: he is an oboist in the WNO orchestra. "Rehearsals of *Fidelio* brought us together", she says. Though she left Welsh National Opera to go freelance two years ago, Cardiff is still their home.

She is a great believer in the "stage role as extension of self" school of acting. "I do think of my characters as different dimensions of my personality. I've got to find that link within myself, because I strive for complete naturalness on stage."

Finding a link with Nedda in *Pagliacci* has not been too difficult. Nedda is an aspiring prima donna herself, and in this production the "smell of the greasepaint" aspects are emphasized. "As we are playing it, Canio is a Diaghilev-type figure. He picked Nedda up off the street and made her a leading lady, but now she wants to spread her wings, go on to better companies. She probably does love him a bit, but as a father-figure. As we see it, the fling with Silvio is nothing. He's just a groupie who follows her around: she uses him."

She has worked before with the producer, Ian Judge, and the conductor, Jacques Delacôte: as Marguerite in English National Opera's controversial staging of Gounod's *Faust* last year. Miss Field loyally refrains from revealing too many of Judge's ideas for *Cav & Pag*, but it is clear that the operas will be linked in more ways than just by appearing on the same stage in the same evening. As for the "play within the play" in *Pagliacci*, that is being done as a Restoration drama. "Well, we *are* all in white powdered faces, after all", says Miss Field, as if in explanation.

Her background is not unusual. As a schoolgirl she acquired a taste for performing through eisteddfods, and her father — an opera-loving Wrexham accountant — passed on his enthusiasm. *Pagliacci* was actually the first opera she ever saw, in Liverpool. An audition with Richard Armstrong soon after leaving college led to her six-year spell with WNO, a period she values as an apprenticeship and for giving her the chance to "watch Söderström at work". That, she feels, partly compensated for what she regards as the hopeless lack of serious acting study in the training of singers. "To be frank, opera singers have a bloody nerve. We are all working in theatre, yet most of us can't act for toffee."

Now she is tempering ambition with caution. "The whole singing-career process is started far too early, in most cases. There is a great temptation for young singers to do roles they are not ready for, especially when producers say 'she'll *look* good in that part'. I've been asked to do things like Salome, for instance, and I'd love to play that role. But I knew that I'd ruin myself if I did it — and nobody wants to know if your voice goes."

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CONCERTS

Purcell-Britten Prize
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Four young musicians of character were thrown up by the third Purcell-Britten competition for concert singers: hardly a tidal wive of talent this year, but the ripples will surely be felt in an area too often crowded out by the pressures and demands of operatic training.

If the most charactful performers of all did not gain the highest placings, it was due to prudence and pragmatism on the part of this jury. The first prize of £1,500 was awarded to the Scottish soprano Lorna Anderson, in whom vocal well-being, stylistic sense and quick linguistic and musical intelligence coexist in near-perfect balance. Hers was the idiomatic Purcell, the most verbally perceptive Britten — and, in this contest, that counts for a lot. Strauss's Ophelia songs showed not only the supple range of her soprano, but also her skills in dramatic projection, an aspect of recital work too often underestimated by young singers.

A more starstruck jury might easily have placed Sung Ha Shin first. This Korean-Canadian soprano has a voice of silk to Miss Anderson's fine cotton weave, and a stage presence of great allure. Her classical repertoire is impeccably stylish, her response to European poetry intense. I could listen to her Obradors and Falla any time, any place; and her feeding of the poetry into the melodic line of the Nocturne from Britten's *On This Island* was unforgettable. She came second probably because achievement outweighed potential by a hair's breadth.



Gifts in ideal balance: the winner, Lorna Anderson

The Songmakers' Almanac both reaps and sows in this competition. The third prize-winner, Nicholas Sears, has already sung with them, and will doubtless continue to do so. His light baritone is grounded very much in the choral-scholar tradition: instinctive inflexion for Finzi, Butterworth and Britten, and cultivation of timbre and wit for the French school.

The creation of a special fourth prize showed the jury alert to Tracey Chadwell's particular gifts, even if they obviously placed her value lower than that of Mr Sears. I would have reversed the placing. There is more room in the profession for sopranos with the spirit and technique to pull off works like Judith Weir's *King Harald's Saga* and Elizabeth Maconchy's *Sun, Moon and Stars* than for those who tackle mainstream repertoire with tact and taste.

Hilary Finch

Philharmonia/ Salonen
Festival Hall

The four orchestral *Legends*, of which "The Swan of Tuonela" is most often performed alone, were for Sibelius something of a substitute for an intended opera. As conducted on Sunday night by his fellow countryman Esa-Pekka Salonen, they were shown to have more than a common source in epic poetry by the tautness of musical contrasts and relationships.

Salonen followed the composer, at the work's 1896 première, in the order of the two middle movements, reversing them from the later published sequence, so that "The Swan" became a sombre prelude to final acceleration. The hero was thereby pictured at his most adventurous in the first two movements, of which "Lemminkainen in Tuonela" was given a more inward tension and sense of menace to contrast with the exultant "Maidens of Saari".

One or two details apart, the Philharmonia Orchestra responded with colourfully intense tone-painting, including notable solos from cor anglais and cello and with a sense of pulsating rhythm that was never over-driven. In Haydn's Symphony No 99 to begin the concert, however, the conductor applied such emphatic accents to the music's momentum that its subtlety of melodic invention and harmonic resource was sometimes obscured.

Haydn's Trumpet Concerto featured the orchestra's own John Wallace as a soloist of crisp articulation and resourceful technique, which extended to a phrase of his by no means conventional cadenza played with the palm of the hand tapping the mouthpiece instead of blowing.

Noël Goodwin

The films of old have a lot to recommend them today, as the Pordenone Festival has just emphasized: David Robinson reports

Golden silence

The "Thames Silents" presentations of classic silent films with live orchestral accompaniment are proving an impressive cultural export. Following their successive London Film Festival premières, the films have been played in many European cities, and next March Carl Davis will conduct a series of six performances — including *The Crowd*, *Greed* and *The Thief of Bagdad* — in the 7,000-seat Radio City Music Hall in New York.

Davis recently conducted the Radio and Television Symphony Orchestra of Lubliana for a performance of *The Wind* at the annual festival of silent cinema at Pordenone, north of Venice, where Kevin Brownlow and David Gill, who invented the Thames Silents, were this year's recipients of a new, annual international award to honour work "in safeguarding the patrimony of the cinema".

The Pordenone Giornate del Cinema Muto is an extraordinary phenomenon. In a mere five years it has grown from a local affair into the largest convention of the world's film scholars and historians. It was created by a group of young enthusiasts who started out in cine-clubs and embarked on more ambitious exhibition ventures when they organized a travelling cinema to supply the communities which lost their theatres in the Friuli earthquake of 1976.

Like the Thames Silents, Pordenone is part of a larger cultural phenomenon, the widespread current reassessment of the legacy of the silent cinema. Thanks to the restoration of archive films to the most complete versions, the best possible print quality and the original colour tinting — and by performing them with the finest technical facilities and the kind of musical accompaniment originally intended — the old myths are effectively being dispelled. A new generation is discovering that silent films were not quaint, naive and primitive, dim and badly photographed. The point was dramatically demonstrated by Pordenone's massive retrospective of Scandinavian films from 1906 to 1918. These were golden years for Sweden and Denmark, whose cinemas now appear in many respects to have been decades ahead of their European neighbours in sophistication of themes and treatment.

Thanks partly to favourable climate and partly to the continuity of the major film producing companies, Nordisk in Denmark and Svenskfilmindustri in Sweden, more of their negatives have survived in good condition than elsewhere in the world, and it is possible to see 70-year-old films still pristine as the day they were first shown. For the most part poor light prevented filming in the winter, but the summer light seems to have had a particularly favourable luminosity. The depth of focus of the films is startling, destroying the myth that deep focus only became practicable in the era of *Citizen Kane*.

In 1911 Nordisk filmed Herman Bang's celebrated circus melodrama *The Four Devils*. It was such a success that the circus set specially built for the film was used over and over again, while the Swedish studios also competed with a spate of circus films. Apart from their spectacle and excitement, these films opened up further pictorial possibilities as performers were filmed high up on wires and trapezes while the crowd was photographed in dizzying high-angle shots.

The Scandinavians tried everything. A mystery serial begun in 1912, *Dr Gar el Hama*, used all the excitements of crime, murder, kidnapping, drugs, disguises, secret panels and mysterious tunnels long before Feuillade became master of the crime serial. The films also made brilliant use of the dramatic lighting effects which the Scandinavian cameramen pioneered with virtuosity.

Scandinavia produced at least four great directors in the silent period: in Denmark Carl Dreyer and Benjamin Christensen, in Sweden Mauritz Stiller and Victor Sjostrom (who lived on to play the leading role in Bergman's *Wild Strawberries*).

The first film industry in the world to make feature-length pictures, the Scandinavians were astonishingly precocious. By 1913 Christensen had made a masterly thriller that is still thrilling, *The Night of Vengeance*; Sjostrom a devastating social drama, *Ingeborg Holm*; and Stiller the first of a series of sophisticated comedies of manners, whose most sparkling comedian was the indefatigable Sjostrom himself.

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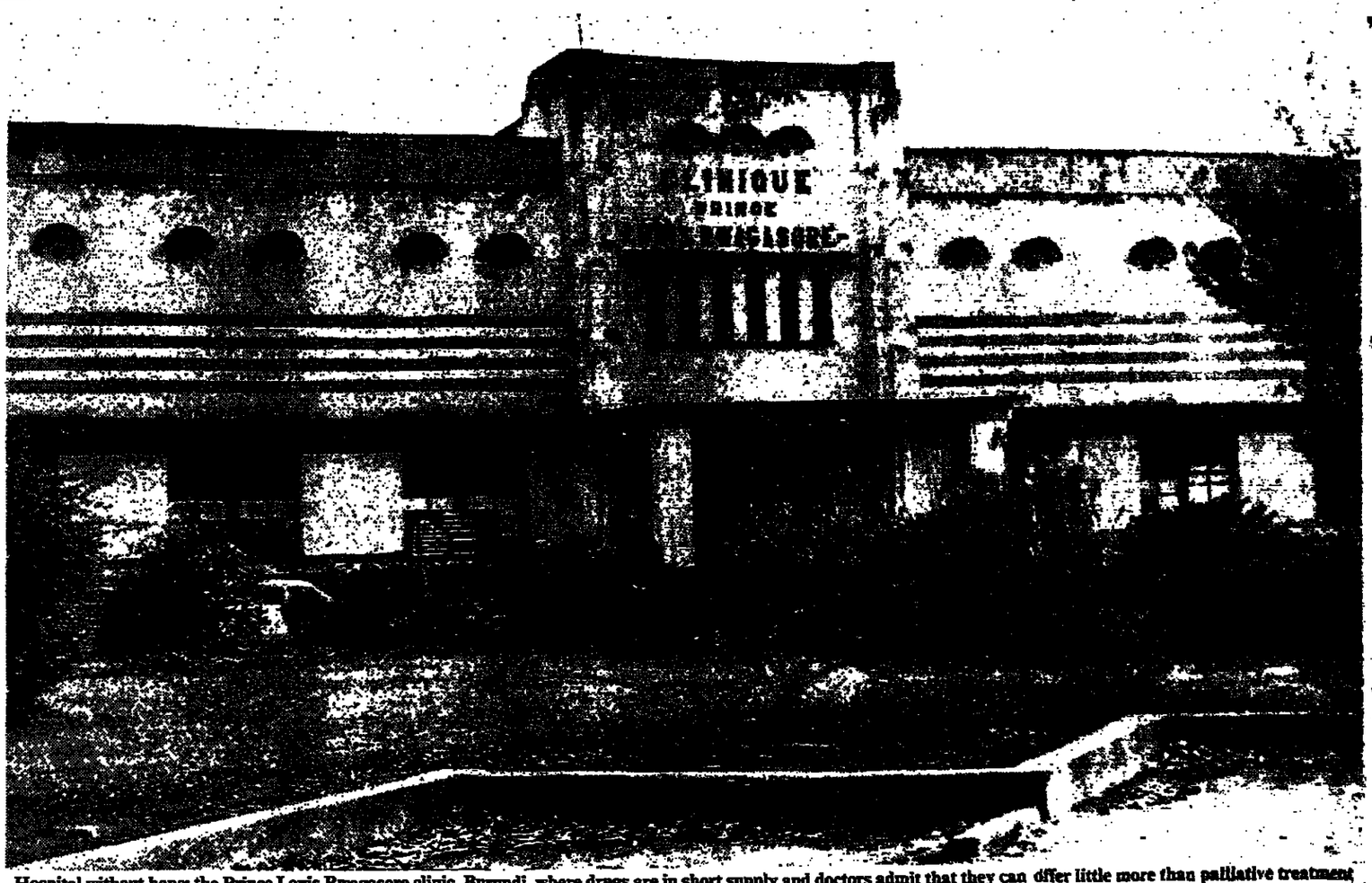
Struggling to save the next generation

AIDS

AFRICA'S NEW AGONY

Although it was in Uganda that the Aids virus was first recognized, some scientists trace its roots to the nearby state of Burundi, where the disease is now an epidemic. In the second of a three-part series, Thomson Prentice assesses the problems facing this poor but beautiful country in its struggle to control the plague

Part 2: Prevention versus promiscuity



Hospital without hope: the Prince Louis Rwagasore clinic, Burundi, where drugs are in short supply and doctors admit that they can offer little more than palliative treatment

"Don't ask me how big the Aids problem is. Don't ask me if it's a disaster. All I know is that it is here, it exists, and the only thing that matters is trying to prevent it spreading"

In the sunlight, a herd of goats grazes on the thin grass of the forecourt of the Foreami Clinic in Bujumbura, capital of the central African state of Burundi. Chickens peck along the open veranda of the clinic, where a handful of laboratory staff check blood samples every day for traces of "Slim" — the virus known to the West as Aids.

"Don't ask me how big the Aids problem is," a doctor says angrily. "Don't ask me if it's a disaster. All I know is that it is here, it exists, and the only thing that matters is trying to prevent it spreading."

A nurse lifts an emaciated child on to a set of battered bathroom scales rigged up on a wooden frame. The child clutches feebly at the rail, crying. His weight is recorded along with the details of his condition — chronic diarrhoea, which may or may not be connected with his sero-positivity to the virus.

His mother lifts him on to her back, wraps the fold of her dress around him and begins walking home to the rows of crumbling, tin-roofed cabins that make up a huge suburb of the city.

First recognized in nearby Uganda, "Slim" causes severe diarrhoea and drastic weight loss, usually of more than 20lb. It cannot be treated and kills within a year.

Unknown thousands of men and women in Burundi, and many of their children, are infected with the virus. Hundreds are dead or dying from the disease in a variety of forms, and the problem facing this tiny, poor but beautiful country is how to control the epidemic before it becomes a disaster.

It may already be too late. "There is nothing we can do for them," says a doctor at the Prince Louis Rwagasore clinic, a hospital named after an assassinated former ruler of Burundi. "We don't have the drugs or facilities to offer much beyond basic palliative treatment.

"Most people don't want to come to a hospital to die. Instinctively they go back to their families, to their villages. To them, Aids is nothing special. It's just one more disease to die from, like tuberculosis or malaria.

"What we are trying to do is save the next generation. Telling people that they could die from a sexually transmitted disease is unlikely to have much impact. They think it's just the church preaching morality to them.

'We are trying to tell people not to indulge in promiscuity'

"But if we can tell women that they may give birth to infected children who will die because of parental promiscuity, there may be a chance of changing their behaviour."

Children are born with the virus, acquired in the womb of their infected mothers. Infants become infected through medical injections with syringes that are used time and time again without proper sterilization.

Across the road from the clinic in Bujumbura, the chief medical officer of Burundi, Dr Cassien Ndikumana, sits sweating under a spinning fan at a desk piled high with files.

The telephone rings so often that finally Dr Ndikumana takes it off the hook. "Aids is not a very big problem in Burundi," he says. "Tomorrow, yes, it will be serious. But today, there are many other problems demanding my attention."

Burundi is a former Belgian colony of about five million people, bounded by Lake Tanganyika and Zaire to the west, the mountains and tropical forests of Rwanda to the north, and Tanzania to the east and south. It is the very heart of central Africa, and at the core of the Aids epidemic that stretches right across the continent.

Some scientists believe that the Aids virus originated somewhere among these majestic hills and lush valleys, mutated perhaps from the African green monkey, possibly carried unwittingly for generations among the Hutu peasant farmers or the rival Tutsis who now rule Burundi.

Over the past 20 years, as huge stretches of the land were exhausted by farming, many thousands of Burundians, among them those who may have been symptomlessly carrying the virus, drifted to the capital, Bujumbura, in search of work.

They gradually lost some of their rural village traditions and codes of conduct. Men who left their families behind were able to marry again — polygamy is a way of urban life — and form countless liaisons with women, who became used to being discarded after they had borne a child or two.

Bujumbura began to sprout "music bars", where indulgent owners rented back rooms by the hour or the night. Girls, who learned that prostitution was as good a source of income as any in the overcrowded town, became regulars in search of clients.



Next in line: the children will suffer from their parents' liaisons

The town built a couple of big hotels of international standard to cater for the many business travellers from neighbouring African states. Bujumbura is a stopping place on the central African flight paths to and from Nairobi and Kinshasa.

There are big colonies of prostitutes in those two capitals, and Kenyan and Zairean businessmen expected to find similar entertainment in Bujumbura. So too did the French, German, Belgian and occasional British travellers. They found them easily enough. If they didn't go looking, the girls would turn up at the poolside bar of the Novotel or the Source du Nil.

Dr Ndikumana believes that Aids was brought to Bujumbura by such businessmen, or by immigrants from Rwanda and Zaire. Evidence of infection has been found among 60 per cent of Nairobi prostitutes and in up to 88 per cent of the "street girls" of Kinshasa. In neighbouring Rwanda, 43 per cent of Aids patients studied were prostitutes. Figures in Burundi are not made public.

"We are trying to tell people not to indulge in *vagabond sexuel* — promiscuity — and to have just one partner," says Dr Ndikumana. "But this is very difficult here. It is not the tradition. To change people's habits, well, it can't be easy. Could it happen in your country? In the United States?" He smiles wearily. "You see the size of the problem, don't you?"

The Burundi health authorities have had to be convinced themselves by European specialists that urgent measures are necessary. Slowly, for cumbersome bureaucracies cannot be hurried, blood screening is being introduced, and a public health campaign is being prepared.

Overworked doctors and nurses are struggling in Bujumbura to implement new regimes of hygiene, such as sterilizing needles and syringes after use on each patient, which may be standard practice in Europe and the US, but are novelties in a country where traditional tribal medicine still flourishes and ancient remedies are often preferred to "modern" treatments.

It may be Burundi's tragedy that the incoming jets at Bujumbura airport have helped to destroy the immunity that the country's previous remoteness had perhaps ensured. It may be part of the world's tragedy that those same planes carry away the seeds of infection, to be planted on foreign soil.

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Return of the otter



Man-made shelters in the wild promise hope for this threatened species

Few creatures have declined in lowland Britain so dramatically and to such universal lament as the otter. So much so, that for many naturalists the sight of *Lutra vulgaris* in an English river remains their principal unfulfilled ambition.

Yet there is evidence that the otter is returning. A number of current projects support naturalists' hopes that the species could become re-established in areas where it was virtually wiped out in the 1950s and '60s.

To survive and flourish, otters need regular stands of trees, like beads in a necklace, rather than continuous cover. Radio tracking has shown that dominant males range over 25 miles of waterway, in a territory containing two juvenile males and a female of breeding age. They use the river as a highway, fish in dykes and side channels and employ more than 30 different holts and shelters. Fifty-three per cent of their *time is spent in woodland.*

The right habitat is obviously important, but naturalists now believe that artificial holts could play a key role in enticing the otter back to areas where it has died out. These man-made living areas are built from masonry rubble or logs, covered with turf and debris, and contain tunnels and cavities just like those that otters would fashion for themselves.

Three years ago, the Otter Trust supplied stock to create three breeding units on rivers in East Anglia, an area where the otter population had been particularly devastated. Litters are now being successfully raised there.

Over the past three years, too, the Severn and Trent Water Authority has been planting the banks of the rivers Severn and Vyrnwy where they join above Shrewsbury. The otter population is expanding in the upper reaches of both rivers.

In the East Midlands, the Bedfordshire and Huntingdonshire Wildlife Trust this year began a project to locate suitable habitats and sites for artificial holts on the rivers Nene and Ouse, where there are occasional isolated sightings.

Over in West Wales naturalists have built holts on the rivers Tywi and Western Cleddau. And the Vincent Wildlife Trust and the Otter Trust, in conjunction with the Nature Conservancy Council (NCC), are establishing otter havens on other rivers in England.

Otter numbers fell sharply in the 19th century, recovered in the 1930s and 1940s, then slumped again. The causes of this post-war decline are still not clearly understood, but the use of pesticides in cereal dressings and sheep dips is strongly suspected. In addition, many hundreds of miles of otter habitat were destroyed by publicly funded agricultural improvements and brutally thorough river engineering to prevent flooding.

The NCC first identified the dramatic slump in otter numbers in a survey in 1977, which showed virtually none in the Midlands and only a few in the south and east. Otters are more widespread in Wales and northern England and there are good populations in Scotland, although only in the northern and western isles did the NCC consider numbers to be normal.

The survey was repeated in 1984 and 1985 in Wales, showing a general improvement in numbers. A more recent study now being compiled in England shows a rise in the West Country population. The biggest disappointment is in East Anglia, where the decline has continued. However, numbers might now be rising in the east East Midlands.

"I'm cautiously optimistic," says Dr Don Jefferies, the NCC's otter expert. "It should be possible to bring the otter back to places where it has been lost. But it will be a long time, if ever, before it returns to Britain, south of the Highlands, in the numbers we used to know."

Gareth Huw Davies

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Now it's Dallas-sur-Loire

British viewers will soon be treated to the steamy side of château life in a French soap opera



Soap star: Chantal Nobel, France's answer to Sue-Ellen

The origins of the soap opera *Dallas* may be traced to 19th century European literature, and specifically to the episodic social dramas of Balzac, Dumas and Dickens, according to Jacques Dercourt, a French television producer. The French are well qualified, therefore, to draw on classical traditions in creating their own version of "le soap".

British viewers will be able to assess the result next February, when Channel 4 begins broadcasting *Châteauvallon*, a 26-part serial tracing the political and sexual intrigues between two rival families in the Loire valley.

Launched early last year, the £4.2 million production has proved more popular in France than the American import, with a regular audience of 15 million. M Dercourt, the associate producer of *Châteauvallon*, attributes this success to realism: "*Dallas* and *Dynasty* are fairy tales. Their flashy characters talk, eat, sleep and dream of wielding power to acquire vast amounts of money. In *Châteauvallon*, power is an end in itself. The scandals that ensue are the stuff of daily life."

The principal characters of "Dallas-sur-Loire" are drawn from the Berg family, ruled by an elderly patriarch, Antonin, who owns an influential newspaper, and the Kovalics, a Yugoslav immigrant clan clawing their way to power with a construction empire.

Their rivalry is laced with scandal — an illicit love affair with a senior politician, a shady property deal, a corrupt local council, and the murder of a journalist who was on the verge of revealing all — an amalgam, in fact, of every good French scandal.

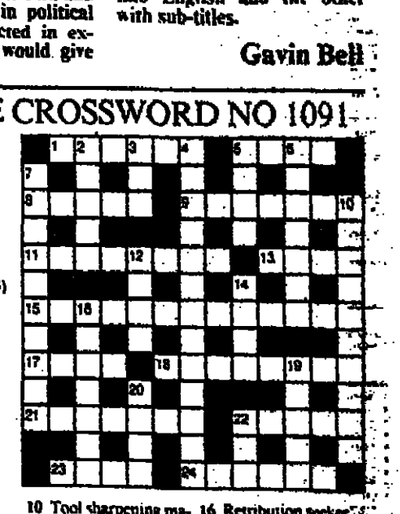
French attitudes to sex, and the part it plays in political intrigue, are reflected in explicit scenes that would give American producers apoplexy. M Dercourt explains: "For us, nudity is not a scandal. A central character is a woman who has power, who has sex, who has great beauty. When she goes to bed, you know she's going to bed."

The lady in question, actress Chantal Nobel, was propelled to stardom in France with her role as Antonin Berg's daughter, Florence. A car crash in which she was severely injured last year prompted the kind of news coverage normally reserved for affairs of state. The car was driven by Sacha Distel; the accident halted the series.

As an experiment, Channel 4 plans to show each of the hour-long episodes twice a week — one version dubbed into English and the other with sub-titles.

Gavin Bell

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11 Foot treatment (8)
13 Long skirt (4)
15 Thick beef fillet (13)
17 Mountain goat (4)
18 Mooring rope (8)
21 Stiff fabric (7)
22 Foreign (5)
23 Road stones (4)
24 Cowardly (6)

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2 Berwick river (5)
3 Nip (3)
4 Extra (13)
5 Judge (4)
6 Musical text (7)
7 Steamed milk coffee (10)
10 Tool sharpening machine (10)
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14 Bone dry (4)
16 Retribution seeker (7)
19 Spanish comrade (5)
20 Tangle (4)
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FASHION by Suzy Menkes

The camel corps gets its just deserts

Camel coats used to be associated with twinsets, tweeds and pearls. But now, worn with black, they are smart, young, sophisticated and city slick, and sharply tailored for high style









It is a long way from the desert watering holes to a chic West End restaurant. But the camel — that most noble and ridiculous of animals — has finally become city slick. The camel coat is the winter cover-up of the season and a high fashion garment. It is seldom woven from the brushed belly of a genuine animal but the softness, luxury and rich golden colour have been recreated in wool in the spirit of the camel-hair coat. And it is that spirit that has changed.

The nomadic trail that has brought the camel coat to high fashion has gone by way of the Grand Tour and the English countryside. The camel coat's earlier brushes this century with fine ladies (and gentlemen) has mostly been as part of country life. It was teamed with tweedy checks, worn with sludge green twinsets and pearls, or used as a travelling overcoat like a perambulating car rug.

The way to wear camel today is in the city and with black. A roll-neck sweater, leggings and flat suede slippers give camel a new youthful image. Worn snuggled over the little black dress, it has the sophistication of fur. The camel coats are even changing colour, from darkest honey to palest beige, with the lightest the most luxurious. For a more classic look, all these shades of camel work well with navy blue or grey flannel.

The news is not in colour but in line. The sharpest shape — but one that has barely filtered through at mass market prices — is the Swirl. It is cut wide at the shoulders, fitted lightly to the waist and fans out into a big skirt in a loose reworking of the more prissy princess line.

The inspiration for the full-skirted coat is the Russian ballet, not the Russian Steppes. It is worn with flat pumps and ski pants rather than with high-heeled boots and Anna Karenina accessories.

The alternative winter coats have been around for several seasons. The cut is generous, taken from a raglan shoulder and deep armholes to a mid-calf hem that tapers in. The shawl collar, usually fastened very low at the waist below bold lapels, is the popular shape.

It looks newest with velvet or furry facings and cuffs and is designed to cover up not only a tailored oversize jacket but also a mid-calf skirt. It will feel draughty over a skinny-fit jersey dress or an evening outfit.

The wrap-coat, belted at the waist like a dressing gown, has similar pluses and pitfalls. That, too, will fit easily over winter clothes and looks nonchalant and classy at night over anything but a full-length evening dress. But it will not hold together in the wind and demands free hands to clasp the buttonless front. It is just not the ticket for waiting at a bus stop or plodding home with the shopping.

If you want to button up your overcoat you will need a trench, cut on softer lines than the officer-and-gentleman's double-breasted uniform, but still with the military detailing — silver or gilt buttons, buckled belt and maybe epaulettes. Fashion pointers are a well-padded shoulder and the cruellest dropped armhole to enable the trench to fit over big clothes without constricting.

But fashionable clothes are getting tighter and more fitted. A cloth coat is now such a major investment that it is important to think ahead — especially to the wider skirts that will be in the shops this time next year. A slightly fitted coat, generously cut but shaped rather than dead straight, would be a wise strategic buy.

How much should you pay for a new winter coat? In the high street, prices for a wool coat start from £70 (and sometimes less). In the stores, a more realistic starting figure is around £120. Prices rise to £250 for the better designed coats in quality fabrics and with more interesting styling.

In the wide-ranging coat department at Fenwick of Bond Street there are £99 promotions, especially of the "college coat" — an elongated blazer shape which is strictly for townies, will not fit over a jacket and is really an autumn/spring weight. Austin Reed's Options have a small but good range of tailored coats including a best buy camel at £145.

Genuine camel-hair and other luxury materials like llama, which is the star fabric this season, start from about £450. These are the coats that give warmth without weight, as does cashmere which is a princely fabric and a foolish buy at plebeian prices.

Designer coats, which have a strong personal handwriting, also start at £450 and rise steeply. The £1,000 cloth coat (albeit in the finest cashmere) is now a fact of high fashion life. What do you get in return for the big investment? Designers will give you high fashion at the beginning of the trend, which is supposed to mean good value on a cost-per-wear basis.

Since there is currently a flight from oversize, the high style is the fitted ballerina coat to go over the pared down, body-conscious clothes. The other designer purchase is the perfectly proportioned updated classic, with luxury details like pure silk linings and bone buttons. Both styles come this season in camel.

Above: The Swirl — double-breasted full-skirted clotted cream wool coat, £675 by Catherine Walker for the Chelsea Design Company, 65 Sydney Street, SW3. Black roll-neck jersey tunic, £94 by Nicole Farhi from her shops in Fenwick, New Bond Street, W1; Harvey Nichols, Knightsbridge, SW1; Nicole Farhi, 37 James Street, Harrogate and 6 Market Street, Manchester. Velvet cone hat, £23 by Andrew Wilkie from Whistles, 12-14 St Christopher's Place, W1 and branches. Bold metal brooch, £45 by Pellini from Harvey Nichols, Knightsbridge, SW1; Gallery 28, Brook Street, W1; Style, Henley-in-Arden, Warwickshire. Gloves, Fenwick. Black suede pumps with pointed toes, £64.50 from Charles Jourdan, 39-43 Brompton Road, SW1

Above left: Shawl collar — camel-coloured tapered wool coat, £235 by Nicole Farhi from Fenwick, New Bond Street, W1; Harrods, Knightsbridge, SW1 and Lewis's stores in Manchester, Liverpool, Glasgow and Leeds. Black zip-up polo-neck sweater and matching leggings from Charles Jourdan, SW1. Brown felt trilby, £36.95 from the Hat Shop, 9 Gees Court, St Christopher's Place, W1. Tortoiseshell brooch, £33 by Pellini from Fortnum and Mason, Piccadilly, W1; Piero, Richmond; Roberta, Christchurch, Dorset. Black leather gloves, £19.95 from Fenwick, New Bond Street, W1. Tan leather slippers, £50 from Nicole Farhi shops

Left: Brushed and wrapped — baby llama coat, £525, and flannel grey lambswool sweater, £75, both by MaxMara from Fortnum and Mason, Piccadilly, W1; Liberty, Regent Street, W1; Cliché, Beaconsfield. Coat also Madeleine Ann, Solihull. Tortoiseshell hoop earrings, £30 by Pellini from Fortnum and Mason, W1; Roberta, Christchurch, Dorset and Vania Jesmond, Swansea. Black suede buckled shoes, £85 from Johnny Moke, 396 King's Road, SW10

Far left: Camel trench buttoned coat £429 from Aquascutum, 100 Regent Street, W1. Black polo-neck sweater, £94 by Nicole Farhi from Fenwick, New Bond Street, W1. Leggings, Charles Jourdan. Camel jersey turban, £9.50 from the Hat Shop. Black suede shoes, £64.50 from Charles Jourdan, 39-43 Brompton Road, SW1

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Dress of the Year

The dress in which Diana had the vapours in Vancouver made a return appearance at yesterday's Women of the Year lunch. **The Princess of Wales,** in her slender cream jersey **Victor Edelstein** dress, hit the right sartorial note in a gathering of women eminent for achievement rather than appearance.

The clothes were as diverse as the women themselves, from the ever-green **Beverley Sisters** in Mickey Mouse T-shirts to **Pamela, Lady Harlech's** elegant spots and **Jessye Norman,** in bold scarlet, jade and violet silk on black, introducing a satellite link-up speech from **Coretta Scott King.**

Actress **Toyah Willcox,** unnecessarily nervous before delivering a passionate and intelligent speech, told me that her black zipped outfit was by her favourite designer **Helen Littman** from English Eccentrics, with over-the-top fake jewels from the pop people's Swanky Modes. Those at the top table with her and the royal guest included the **Marchioness of Lothian,** the luncheon's organizer, York wedding dress designer **Lindka Cierach,** both in scarlet silk blouses; and writer **Lisa St Aubin de Téran** in a gold glitter dress matching her tawny locks.

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Miss Valentino

The suave Valentino, that lounge lizard of designers — who appeared along with Karl Lagerfeld as guest designers at Gianni Versace's party at the Italian Embassy in Paris last week — tells me he is planning to open a series of Miss V shops in Britain selling his "young diffusion" range. Fashion's entrepreneur Peder Bertelsen currently co-backs the two London shops of Valentino, whose royal and loyal clients include Queen Noor of Jordan, Roger Moore's wife Luisa and that one-time biggest spender of all, Imelda Marcos.

Shilling's book

Is hat-maker extraordinary **David Shilling** about to become the biggest literary sensation since **Princess Michael of Kent?** I am told that Shilling's personal guide to luxury living has more name-dropping per paragraph than you have had chocolate truffles, and is already being dubbed a glitterati's bible.

Shilling has called on all his showbiz contacts, from **Angharad Rees** to **Elaine Page's** pet puppy, from the artistic **Patrick Procktor** and super-rich **Soraya Kashoggi** to aristos like **Lady Settrington,** to give handy hints on *Thinking Rich,* launched on Guy Fawkes night.

The fireworks exploding round the book, dedicated to his mother, the outrageous Gertrude Shilling, may be from those few Rich and Famous excluded from the acknowledgements.

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Westland revisited

Colette Bowe, the Department of Trade and Industry's chief information officer who leaked a letter from the Solicitor-General during the Westland affair, has, I understand, written her own version of what happened. It has been deposited in a bank vault, presumably as security against any new flaring up of the affair, which led to the resignation of her boss, Leon Brittan. So far Miss Bowe — having been instructed, as were other civil servants, not to give evidence to the Commons Defence Select Committee — has talked about the leak only to an internal Civil Service inquiry. The committee's report is debated in the Commons tomorrow. I understand that Miss Bowe's secret account is to be raised, its importance emphasized by weekend allegations that the No 10 press secretary, Bernard Ingham, forced her hand in releasing the letter. Yesterday Miss Bowe said: "I never comment on the Westland affair."

Christian values

Knowsley North Labour activists, fighting on yesterday for the right to choose their own by-election candidate, have, in Louise Christian, picked a solicitor in their own image. Ms Christian wowed the 1984 Labour conference with a speech on Tory trade-union legislation in which she attacked Neil Kinnock. "Neil said we should not break the law because the Labour party needs legality," she said. "As a lawyer, I say to you that that is absolute rubbish. Everything that we in the Labour party and the trade-union movement have gained is through breaking the law . . . It is a class system of justice and we in the Labour party want no part of it." Tell that to the Law Lords.

● **A reader confesses confusion faced with a dish of "foppish pork chops" on the grill-room menu of the Penta Hotel, Lisbon. Well-dressed, perhaps?**

Blue books

Jeffrey Archer's resignation has placed the publicity people at Tory Central Office in a pickle. Last month, amid great fanfare, they launched the Blue Rosette Scheme, designed to build up membership by offering free gifts and other incentives in exchange for a minimum £20 subscription fee. One of the attractions of the scheme was the offer of books signed by, you guessed it, the deputy chairman. The question now facing Central Office is whether to cancel the Archer offer or ignore all the fuss and hope nobody will notice. Grahame Waterman, director of the Blue Rosette Scheme, refused to comment.

To the point

Meanwhile, Archer seems determined to tough it out. Organizers assure me he is still down to appear next month at a public-relations conference at London's Café Royal. The conference brochure assures me that his 40-minute talk, to be called "Media and the World of Consensus", will "consider whether the media is faithfully reporting events or, in essence, changing the course of events".

Fry-up

The Ministry of Agriculture seems to have an odd idea of the readership profile of the huntin', shootin', fishin' magazine, *The Field*. Alarmed by a recent article on wild fungi, which the ministry felt failed to emphasize the danger of mistakenly frying up a pan of toadstools for breakfast, it persuaded the BBC to put out a warning . . . on Radio Two's *Jimmy Young Show*.

BARRY FANTONI



"Hello, dearie, want to send me abroad?"

Discord

An unseemly squabble over this weekend's Disco Aid, an international charity fundraising extravaganza. The Variety Club, which counts the Duke of Edinburgh and Prince of Wales among its members, is being accused of "bad manners" by Disco Aid for pulling out 11 days ago, undermining promotion efforts. Earlier this summer, the club declared itself "delighted" to participate in an event which is expected to raise £3m. Yesterday the club warned the Disco Aid director, Theo Loyla, against speaking out. "If Loyla doesn't watch it he'll be in very serious trouble," says the club's liaison officer Neil Sinclair. "There's not much in it for us." Loyla's estimate of the Variety Club's cut (which the club disputes) is £450,000.

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Don't cry for Mozambique

After the eulogies lavished on President Samora Machel (right), Canadian journalist Barbara Amiel presents a much darker side of the story



About half an hour's drive northwest from Maputo, the capital of Mozambique, sits Machava prison. It is an ugly collection of block houses, squat and rundown, sitting in a spread of barren sunbaked earth. The Portuguese built it to house their criminals. The Frelimo regime of Mozambique uses it for the same purpose.

When you walk across the dirt you can hear the voices of prisoners filtering through the small barred openings at the top of each cell. Sometimes the voices sing, defiantly. Occasionally, there is a scream.

At the back of the prison compound are the cells for the least-dangerous prisoners: murderers, thieves and rapists. They are allowed exercise and visitors. At the front of the prison are the nine blocks reserved for political prisoners under 24-hour confinement. It was to these cells that I was brought in December 1980, to spend 10 days in custody at the pleasure of President Samora Machel.

My "crime" was to have been mistakenly permitted to enter the country by inefficient Mozambique border guards who, after examining my passport, waved the car I and some companions were travelling in across the border from South Africa. When I tried to leave the country two days later, it was discovered that I didn't have the necessary visa.

Still, it is not personal mistreatment that causes my qualms about last week's chorus of tributes to the deceased President Machel. What blots his record, to put it mildly, was not that he put me in jail. But such small incidents give one an opportunity to witness things from the inside, as it were.

The very essence of a society can be revealed by how it treats those it accuses of a crime, and by what it deems to be crimes. Mozambique belongs to that grim world of the knock on the door, arbitrary imprisonment, solitary confinement and terror: the world of the unfree.

Not that one would know this, listening to last week's tributes to Machel. It was as if the president of Switzerland had died, rather than a bloody repressive dictator. Margaret Thatcher lamented the death of "a good friend". The Italian prime minister, Bettino Craxi, mourned the world's loss of an "heroic freedom fighter". President Reagan assigned his daughter Maureen to head the American presence at the funeral. President P.W. Botha said Africa had lost "an outstanding leader". David Owen, writing in *The Times*, not only told us of having grown to admire Machel, but of the personal gap in his life Machel's death would leave. It was *de mortuis nil nisi bonum* rampant.

What is it in the record of Samora Machel that occasions such affection? He was a hardline Marxist, trained in the Soviet Union and Algeria, who managed to steer Frelimo, the Mozambique independence movement, away from moderation after the murder of its pro-Western leader, Eduardo Mondlane.

His refusal to hold free elections after Mozambique's independence in 1975 accelerated the exit of the skilled Portuguese labour force. What remained in the newly independent Mozambique was a country of pleasant and patient people who under Portuguese colonialism had been prevented not only from learning many skills but also from developing political and civic traditions of their own.

Into this vacuum came the well-financed and organized Marxist-Leninists of Frelimo. They were multinational in their loyalties: originally sympathetic to the Chinese, later increasingly dependent on the Russians and Cubans. They sub-contracted the organization of their secret police to the East Germans and Portuguese communists.

For the ordinary Mozambican, life after Frelimo took power consisted of a brief period of "liberation", followed by an oppression that equalled that of the secret police regime of the Portuguese — without matching the colonial rulers' economic efficiency.

Machel's policies brought Mozambique to its present ruination. Forced and brutal farm collectivization ruined a thriving agriculture. Soviet and East German factory boats scooped up fish, in exchange for the weapons and loans with which Frelimo aided Robert Mugabe's Zanu and maintained oppression at home.

Recently, Machel was said to be eyeing more flexible economic policies, but he permitted no change in the social fabric of the country: permits are required for internal travel; there is no freedom of association, assembly or press; population transfers and conscript labour are common; the re-education camps are notorious, as are conditions in Machava Prison. Detention without trial, "disappearances" and torture by the state are reported by international human-rights associations.

Not surprisingly, the Mozambique resistance movement Renamo (MNR) is close to victory. This first successful internal overthrow of a communist regime would be very much in the West's interest, but the West is supporting the fight against Renamo. Britain is giving £1.4 million to Mozambique to buy guns as well as help in training the Mozambican army.

The received wisdom of the day dismisses Renamo as a tool of the South Africans. But in the past we have been able to see the validity of some movements, even though they may have been supported by countries of dubious merit. Mozambique is a Soviet-backed communist dictatorship, and unless we have reached the point of being prepared to say that this is the most desirable system for human affairs, one can only be baffled at the antagonism shown to Renamo and the eulogies heaped upon Machel.

Meanwhile, in spite of information to the contrary and a determined campaign by Frelimo to portray Renamo as bandits and thugs, Renamo has visible leadership and a stated goal which was succinctly summed up in a *Journal of Defence and Diplomacy* interview with Renamo's secretary-general, Evo Fernandes. "Africa's revolution for freedom from colonialism is nearly over," he said. "The revolution for individual freedom is still to come."

It is reported that Mozambicans wept in the streets upon learning of Machel's death. Machel may well have been a man of considerable personal charm and charisma. Many tyrants as well as many ordinary confidence men have a charming way about them.

Mozambicans have long been told that South Africa, not scientific socialism, is to blame for their impoverishment. It may even be that Machel is among the better class of despots, a Salazar rather than a Hitler. But one can be confident, in this double-faced world, that the same coercive policies curtailing civil liberties used by Salazar, the late Portuguese dictator, would rightly be condemned out of hand by all those people singing the praises of Machel.

The irony is that in right-wing tyrannies where such methods at least obtain some economic benefit they are still condemned, while in Mozambique the same policies can't even achieve limited material success. They bring only repression and famine and yet are regarded by the world with benign acceptance.

There were only four women in the prison population of Machava when I was there. I shared a cell with one, a Shona woman of about 45 from the north of Mozambique who had written a pamphlet advocating free elections. She taught me prison lore: how to try to protect yourself from the cell block chief, which insects to pick off one's body, how to make one tin of water last the day in heat that fried everything.

She had been in the cell for eight months without a visitor and without being charged. She was one of the lucky newcomers: unsentenced, she could at least cling to the possibility of getting out. She was a bag of bones, sitting on the floor, trying to groom herself with the help of a palm-sized piece of broken mirror she had smuggled in.

I don't think she is weeping over the death of Samora Machel, or feeling any personal gap in her life — if she is still alive.

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Digby Anderson

With friends like these...

Since the Labour Party conference decision to support homosexual and lesbian rights, several commentators have remarked that this is scarcely likely to endear the party to that opinion known as respectable working class.

Indeed, in these days when well-bred and educated people are nervous of being considered even the least bit judgemental of others' behaviour, this "respectable working class" performs a valuable social function in its support for traditional morality, suspicion of feminism and contempt for the anti-racist industry — all facts which Norman Tebbit and his colleagues will be exploiting in the general election campaign.

But less attention has been given to another collection of people who have reason to dislike the homosexual, feminist and race activists because they have most to lose by the activists' antics — homosexuals, women and blacks who are not activists. How long before the many hard-working, decent Caribbean people start objecting to the activists' persistent failure to give their hard work and decency its due, by submerging them in the all-embracing category of "Blacks"? The activists — indifferent, even hostile to their achievements — treat them as a chunk of social structure in which no distinction is made between them and the rioters and muggers.

How long must the separate identities of Sikhs, Muslims, Hindus and other ethnic and regional groups called "Asian" be repressed by the use of that offensive and ludicrous term "Blacks"? The interest, and indeed right, of all these "Blacks" is to be treated according to their individual and varied behaviour and those of the groups they themselves *choose* to belong to; not to be dragooned into an artificial, culturally and morally neutered class of "Blacks" because it suits the political purposes of some activist, desperate to invent a new lower class to replace the unfaithful "White" one.

The same problems arise with "Women". The Labour Party is committed to a Ministry for Women. Which women? Not only do women differ from one another as much as do men but, like men, they have opposing interests. It is working women who must be taxed more to pay the extra benefits to unemployed women; family women who will have to pay for the lesbian rights campaigns.

The same conflicts and tensions which characterize society in general can be found among women. Outside Greenham, syrupy sisterhood is no more characteristic of women than benign brotherhood is of men. And just as with "Blacks", non-activist women are starting to resent the activists who purport to speak for them. If feminism has popularly become synonymous with lesbianism, that is the result of the activists' work.

But it is with sexual preferences that the problem is most grave. There are homosexuals who do not make their sexual preference the be-all and end-all of their identity and resent others doing so; homosexuals who want to be left alone, not crusaded for; homosexuals who know heterosexuals well enough to realize that the exposure, let alone flaunting, of the explicit details of homosexual physical practices which the activists demand may well result in public hostility, not public education; homosexuals who are chaste or faithful and resent being lumped in with the promiscuous and irresponsible; homosexuals of every appearance and dress who look with contempt at the moustachioed, San Francisco-uniformed clones "speaking up" for their "rights" on television; homosexuals content in the closet.

The categorization of people by one characteristic — race, gender or sexual preference — is potentially damaging whether it is done to hurt or help. It asserts a false identity and thus suppresses true identities. It classifies people by characteristics — gender and race — that they do not choose and ignores the achievements for which they *are* responsible and thus threatens the good name of the worthy by association with the immoral and criminal. It risks bringing on the worthy the hostility rightly accorded to the unworthy by wider society.

It is not just a matter of names, it is a conflict over public identity and reputation. The pressure groups of activists have a vested interest in creating and sustaining images of "Blacks", "Women" and "Homosexuals" which are the opposite of the images those people need and have earned.

The race-relations field officer of the Church of England's Board of Social Responsibility, the excitable Rev Kenneth Leech, recently proposed — with his associates — that a list be drawn up of the names of those in church and public life who were not sympathetic to anti-racism. He meant, of course, those who do not oppose racism in the way demanded by the anti-racist industry. The idea was that these recalcitrants could be bombarded with corrective propaganda.

Might non-activists not take a leaf from his book? It would be good if every time some activist started attacking the "racist" police, demanding men-free areas in public buildings or advocating homosexual indoctrination in schools, he or she were deluged with letters simply saying, "You do not speak for us."

It is unlikely to happen. Most non-activists are too busy working, bringing up their families — and earning the reputations the activists deny them — to bother.

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Bernard Levin: The way we live now

The language of fanaticism

There is an ancient proverb, which I have just invented, that runs: "He who laughs at the Belgians in the morning may find himself weeping for the English before nightfall," and I bring it to the attention of my readers because the Belgians, not normally thought of as providing a laugh a minute, have indeed been provoking mirth these past few weeks.

A summary of the antics may be useful. Briefly, then, the linguistic division of Belgium into French-speaking and Flemish-speaking citizens has long been a cause of dissension, and has even led to violence; it permeates Belgian politics, both national and local, and apparently gets sharper as time goes by.

Recently, the problem blew up in an area called Fourons, which is near the Dutch border and in a Flemish-speaking province. The Fouronois, however, speak French, and although there is no reason to suppose that anybody is trying to make them speak anything else, they have been demanding to be incorporated in the province of Liège, which is predominantly Francophone; the better to advance this cause, they elected a M Happart as their mayor, since he is not only a French speaker but, it seems, a particularly aggressive one.

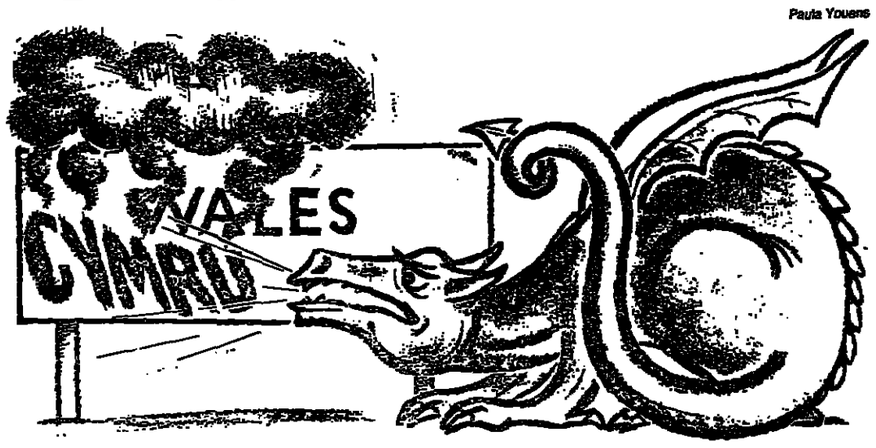
Mayor Happart soon fell foul of a Belgian law which obliges any such official to show that he is fluent in Flemish before he can take office; for all anybody knows, he speaks it perfectly, but he refused to take the test which would prove it. A solution was worked out by the minister of the interior, M Nothomb: a temporary replacement mayor, who speaks French but teaches Flemish, was appointed to wear the chain of office until the Happart Question could be resolved to the satisfaction of all parties.

So far so good; figure to yourself, however, the dismay of M Nothomb when his candidate as stand-in, a M Wynants, refused to take up his appointment unless the Fouronois had their way and were incorporated in a French-speaking province.

Meanwhile, the Belgian government, which is delicately balanced between the two communities, was tottering to its fall over the affair, and the resignation of M Nothomb, which took place when his carefully arranged compromise collapsed, caused it to totter faster and further.

Whence the laughter: a country in which the government can be overthrown because of the linguistic problems of a handful of villages (that is what Fourons consists of) must of necessity be comical, particularly to such sophisticated folk as the British. Let Happarts and Nothombs and Wyantses turn their somersaults, paint their noses red and belabour each other with giant sausages: we may be in stitches, but our withers are unwrung.

If you have withers, prepare to



Paula Youens

wring them now. There is a man in a Welsh prison, called Fred Francis (though he calls himself Ffred Ffransis, and his ridiculous moniker is itself significant); he is doing time for breaking into a government office, causing criminal damage, and burglary. It should be said that his crime was not committed for monetary gain; he was acting in his capacity as a leading member of the most extreme sodality of stage Welshmen, the Single Issue Fanatics who can think of nothing but the Welsh language and who have banded themselves into a coven of dangerous clowns who deface and destroy property and will sooner or later kill somebody in the course of doing it. (This is, incidentally, by no means the first time that Francis has been jailed for such activities.)

Distance, it seems, lends amusement to the view; I have no reason to believe that the people of Fourons engage in such activities, but even if they do, it is easy to dismiss them as quaint foreigners engaged in a quarrel of no importance. Anyone who thinks the Welsh fanatics are funny, however, could reasonably be said to have a very odd sense of humour, and not only because of the violence they espouse. They, or at least their leaders, are driven by the totalitarian impulse, and the evidence of that charge is not far to seek: more than four-fifths of the Welsh people do not speak Welsh and plainly have no wish to do so (which is a pity, incidentally), but the fanatics' campaign for the beautiful language they befoul by their actions takes no account of the fact that their central thesis is rejected by most of their country. And not only their central thesis; they are themselves rejected by the great majority of their compatriots, for since they started their campaign of destruction and intimidation the number of Welsh-speaking Welsh people has consistently declined, and it is not very far-fetched to believe that the methods of the fanatics have appalled the law-abiding to such an extent that they have tarred the very language with their violent brush.

One of the problems of dealing with these people is that successive governments have repeatedly set out to appease them, the most notorious action of this kind being the decision to waste millions of pounds on a Welsh television channel that is watched regularly by about four and a half people, at least two of whom are asleep throughout. But the appeasement has gone much wider, and much further, than that; it has become the most dangerous kind, following criminal violence with concessions.

Those who want to keep the Welsh language alive are to be commended; it is therefore a double pity that the actions of the fanatics can only ensure that it becomes impossible for any law-abiding lover of Welsh to take part in a campaign to help it survive. The violent language they employ would itself repel any sensible Welshman, with their incessant screaming about "traitors" and "foreigners" and "English oppression" and incitement to further violence.

It was Aneurin Bevan, who could hardly be thought of as an undercover Sais, who once pointed out rather sharply that Wales, over the years, had had untold millions out of the rest of the country in various kinds of financial aid, and underlined the point by saying that the fanatics (who in those days had hardly started) were doing nothing but impede and delay the advancement of their country.

Language provokes emotion: it is not only the Belgians and the Welsh who get hysterical over it, for look at the French-Canadians and for that matter the Catalans. And it is right that it should, for a language is not only a country's most precious possession after freedom, but virtually a definition of the people who speak it, as well as a history of them. Yet if there is one thing that has become clear over the centuries, it is that no language can be artificially sustained: if the desire to speak it is not in its people, it will wither, however many signposts are painted in however many tongues. How much truer, then, that a language cannot be sustained by methods that are violent, dangerous or criminal.

The mind of the Single Issue Totalitarians is difficult to penetrate: their longing for power to compel others to do their bidding is mixed, inextricably but in undiscoverable proportions, with their equally intense longing to make everybody identical. Both impulses are vile, and although the second is unattainable, the first unfortunately is not; even more unfortunately, those who pursue the first, even if they do not achieve it, can hurt a lot of people in the course of their vain striving. Unlike the worst of the animal-liberation movements, the Welsh fanatics insist that they do not, and would not, harm human beings, even though they claim the right to harm the human beings' property; their claim may even be true (though if I lived in a holiday home in Wales I wouldn't bet my life on believing it), but apart from the growing risk of a fatal accident, it is an unfortunate fact that wherever there is an extreme fanatic, there is another determined to be even more extreme.

"Oh God, that men should put an enemy in their mouths, to steal away their brains!" Shakespeare was referring to drink, but he might just as well have had language in mind, particularly the Welsh one. It is a waste of time to think that the Welsh language fanatics will eventually get tired of their failure to make the Welsh speak Welsh; unhappily, it is also a waste of time to expect the majority in Wales to risk the opprobrium, and worse, that is likely to follow a protest at the behaviour of a small number of the minority. So the violence, of thought, word and action, will continue; and the Welsh language that the fanatics affect to love will continue down its melancholy spiral towards extinction.

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Correction

An editing error associated Mr Jimmy Cowan with National Coal Board policy towards the proposed Nacods strike in 1984 (feature, October 11). He was not associated with this policy.

moreover . . . Miles Kington

Holy undeclared taxes, VATman

The distinguished writer, Jeffrey Bernard, was recently found guilty of operating as a bookie without paying betting tax. That is, he had taken a few bets in his local pub. What he didn't know was that he was taking bets from VAT officers in disguise; but then, how many of *us* would know if we came up against these masters of impersonation and acting?

Some idea of the little-known scope of the VAT Plainclothes Division is given in a book which I warmly recommend to you: *The VAT Book of Thrilling Stories*. This has been put out in an effort to mend the sometimes sinister reputation of the Customs and Excise, and today I would like to bring you one entire yarn from the collection, entitled:

To Hell and Back, Plus 15%

The wind whistled thinly across the deserted wastes of Antarctica, looking for some green thing to blast or a living creature to freeze to death. To its surprise, the wind found the trudging shape of the Hon Julius Blinker walking slowly through the desolate plain. His snowmobile had just broken down and he was looking for a small garage that might still be open for minor repairs: but of course things close very early in that part of the world and so far he had had no luck at all.

The Hon Julius Blinker was not at all the sort of man you would expect to find in the Antarctic. Underneath those thick polar clothes he was wearing a pink-and-white striped shirt, a sober, dark-blue suit and a neat carnation in his buttonhole. The only concession to the conditions was the fact that the carnation was plastic. Julius was one of the new breed of investment broker: tough, uncompromising and ruthless, he had been given the Antarctic as his area, and told to get on with it.

"Go down there and invest!" they told him. "Or rather, go down there and broke! At any rate, go down there before any other company gets down there."

A quarter of an hour's walk brought Julius back to base camp, where the rest of his investment team were already busy on the game of bridge with which they whiled away most evenings. Truth to tell, the Antarctic had not proved good territory for investment broking and they found themselves playing more and more bridge. On the other hand, they were getting very good at bridge and were already in the final heats of the 1986 Scientific International Survey Tournament.

"There you are at last, Julius!" Harry, his second-in-command, said. "What kept you?"

"The fuel froze in my snowmobile," Julius said tersely.

"Serves you right for not skiing, like us," said Amanda.

There were four of them altogether, including Julius. There was Harry, the quickest man with a unit trust south of Tierra del Fuego. There was Amanda, originally brought out to handle the cooking for business lunches and the flower-arranging, but who had developed into a fearless explorer. And there was Simon, the communications expert, who didn't say much but was good at his job and brilliant at bridge.

"It must be about time for the Booker Prize again," Simon unexpectedly said. "I rather fancy old Kingsley Amis this year."

"Not a chance," said Julius. "You can understand what he writes. What chance has he got?"

"Well, I wouldn't mind betting a tenner on him," said Simon.

"You're on," said Julius. It is of such simple pleasures that life is composed when one is stranded in the Antarctic, with nothing to interrupt the daily routine. Except that Julius's life was most unexpectedly interrupted only a week later when three British policemen burst into base camp and arrested him.

"*Arrested?*" said Julius. "On what charges?"

"Evading betting tax on 47 games of bridge, gambling illegally on the Booker Prize, unlawfully setting up a sweepstake on a cockroach race, withholding betting duty on a lottery to raise money for orphan penguins . . . "

Dear reader, you have probably guessed by now that Simon was a resourceful, brilliant VAT officer in disguise, who had radioed details of Julius's crimes back home.

At his trial, Julius called Harry and Amanda as witnesses. He had no idea that they, too, were VAT officers. So next time you think of going to the South Pole to have a quiet bet, don't even bother. We'll be there first.

You can bet on it.

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CONTINENTAL DRIFT

Sir Geoffrey Howe flew to Luxembourg yesterday, more in hope than expectation of drilling Britain's eleven European partners into taking united action against Syria. Experience has taught that it is hard enough to find common economic interests among twelve nation states, let alone a political consensus. To persuade them to take common action against a third party, with whom they have had differing historic links, would require strength and commitment of which there is so far little sign.

The difficulty over trade sanctions is the familiar one — that some have more to lose than others. With £81m exports and £79m imports to and from Syria last year, Britain was Syria's sixth biggest trading partner from within the Organization for Economic Cooperation and Development (OECD) — with only six per cent of the market. By contrast, the West Germans (the biggest) had 17 per cent, Italy 15 per cent and France 12.5 per cent. Reports (officially denied in Paris) that France is about to conclude a multi-million franc arms deal with Damascus exemplify the difficulties that Britain faces.

France again has eight of its nationals held hostage by Syrian-backed groups in Lebanon. It is a fact of life that foreign policy is influenced by such considerations. In Syria's case moreover there is the argument that it remains a powerful force in the Middle East. It is commonly said that peace cannot be secured in the Middle East without Syria's blessing or even connivance. For Europe to sever its connections with Damascus would diminish its influence in the Levant and any role it might aspire to in the peace process.

These arguments are familiar and have so far proved decisive in determining Western policies towards Syria. President Assad, as the Soviet Union's chief surrogate in the region, has led something of a charmed life. Even the Americans have found it more convenient to target Colonel Gadaffi in their lonely war against international terrorism, not just because he has looked more culpable but because he has had fewer friends.

These arguments have so far been accepted because the Syrian connection with terrorism has always been only half-proven. The evidence has been circumstantial and, in the face of pious denials from Assad, it has been convenient for most Western powers to let their case rest.

The court case which ended in London last week, however, has changed all that. The Foreign Secretary travelled to Luxembourg armed with incontrovertible proof of the complicity of members of the Syriam embassy in the plot to blow up an Israeli airliner with some 300 people on board. While its officials may not have been the front men, they provided the infrastructure for Nezar Hindawi and his colleagues and would seem to have been deeply involved in the planning.

It is not as if this has been the first occasion. Bombs which have exploded within the last twelve months in West Berlin, Rome and Madrid seem to have a Syrian connection. At the very least Assad has allowed terrorist organizations to maintain headquarters in Damascus, and the evidence now collated in Britain seems to confirm that their involvement is far deeper than that.

European action is thus called for not just to demonstrate support for an ally, but to protect Europe's joint interests. Those victims of crimes committed in the name of Arab nationalism, are EEC citizens who have (or had) a right to expect some reaction by their governments.

One has to admit that for the reasons outlined above, the chance of the European Community's breaking off relations with Syria is remote. The French will not sever their links with a country in which they have a historic interest. On the other hand, there are ways in which the Europeans could demonstrate their extreme displeasure with President Assad. The Canadians have done so, and so have the Americans — whose interest in Syria as a major player on the Middle East stage is greater than that of any European power.

All EEC countries should at least recall their ambassadors for consultations. Community aid to Damascus should be put under the harshest spotlight. The movements of Syrian diplomats in the Community should be restricted. Stricter visa regulations for Syrians visiting Europe should be imposed. The support offered at yesterday's meeting offered little prospect of this kind of response and the Greek government in particular should be made aware of this country's disappointment.

While the conventional wisdom dictates that one cannot have peace in the Middle East without Syria, it can be argued with equal force that one cannot achieve peace *with* it. If Europe does not flex its diplomatic muscle now, it might have cause in due course to regret its inaction.

ECUMENICAL PEACE

To those without religious belief, the gathering of religious leaders at Assisi, at the invitation of Pope John Paul II, to pray for world peace, may strike a cynical note. After all, it can be argued that religion has caused more wars than it has ever stopped, and religious wars have been more ferocious and long-lasting than wars inspired by mere interest. Indeed, the task of confronting this contradiction is a painful duty for member of all religions. Since the Founder of Christianity numbers the Prince of Peace among his titles, however, it is a duty which falls upon Christians with particular severity.

It is fitting, therefore, that the leader of the largest Christian denomination should have taken the initiative. That so many should have accepted his invitation — from the Archbishop of Canterbury to the Dalai Lama, from Moslems to animists — pays tribute to the Pope's unique standing as a Christian spokesman to other religions, to the emphasis that different faiths increasingly place on peace, to the consciousness of past sins of neglect in this regard, and above all to the new fact of mutual respect among religions which not long ago saw in each other only darkness and error.

Yesterday they came together in prayer — though not, of course, to the same God. Moslems, Jews and Christians — despite considerable differences of theology — address their prayers to the same monotheistic Deity. He bears only a slight resemblance, however, to the gods of animists or Buddhists.

These differences can, of course, be reconciled. It is open to a Christian to regard other faiths as offering partial insights into a religious truth of which his own beliefs are the culmination. That is increasingly the tendency of modern religious thought. In effect, the Pope dealt with peace yesterday in exactly that spirit. "The challenge of peace....transcends religious differences," he said. But he added his own humble conviction that "peace bears the name of Jesus Christ."

But it would be self-deception to assume that this liberal attitude generally characterises the world's religions. For Islam was represented at Assisi by only two Imams, and the most prominent and influential teacher in Shia Islam, the Ayatollah Khomeini, is currently fighting a major war. Indeed, the concept of *jihad*, or holy war, has a prominence in the fundamentalist Islam now sweeping much of the Middle East which contrasts strongly with the stress on peace of milder and less missionary faiths.

Even among the Pope's own flock, moreover, whenever the religious message of peace clashes with real tribal feeling, it seems that tribal feeling generally triumphs. The Pope's visit to Ireland was a success in many ways, but his appeals to halt the violence fell on deaf ears and the IRA campaign continued. Religions in the vigour of youth have an intolerance of different opinions which leads naturally to conflict. When they develop the detachment which sees the value of other faiths, they have lost the compelling sway over the faithful which would once have enabled them to decree peace.

That should not, however, be a counsel of despair so much as an incentive to greater effort. If the Pope's appeal for peace did nothing else yesterday, it saved lives in countries like El Salvador, Nicaragua, Chile, Morocco, Angola, and the Sudan where warring factions agreed to a cease-fire. And since the efficacy of prayer can never be fully known except to the God to Whom it is addressed, more than that may have been achieved.

MR POWELL'S HOCUS–POCUS

In Belfast on Friday night, Mr Enoch Powell delivered the third of a recent trio of speeches in which he has expounded and expanded his long-held view that the British, Irish and American governments are engaged in a covert conspiracy to arrange the reunification of Ireland against the wishes of a million unionists in Northern Ireland. American strategists would prefer, he claims, a united Ireland which was inside NATO.

In mainland Britain, these views have been treated with the indifference they deserve; the same may not necessarily be true in Northern Ireland itself. Unionists are generally more disposed to believe in Whitehall treachery. Unionist hostility to the Hillsborough Agreement has increased their curiosity over the explanation for what most regard as another "betrayal" by London.

Conspiracy theories are an attractive weapon for politicians to deploy. An audience can be engaged in the game of making lurid inferences from known truths or half-truths. Laid side by side, these inferences can be arranged in a sinister pattern which can be extended by further speculative embroidery. Governments are reluctant to give any credence to the claims by responding; that reluctance is buttressed by official secrecy and by the inhibitions of collective responsibility. The theorist sees only confirmation of his suspicions in the resulting silence.

By far the worst accusations Mr Powell makes are his allegations that the Provisional IRA and the Irish National Liberation Army (INLA) are acting as agents of this multi-national conspiracy and that officials in the British, Irish or American governments were directly or indirectly involved in commissioning the murders of Lord Mountbatten and Mr Airey Neave in 1979, and of those who died in the Grand Hotel in Brighton five years later. The simplest rebutal of this smear is the observation that not one single piece of evidence exists to support it.

In the second of his speeches, Mr Powell detailed some questions which he thinks should be investigated by the Commons Select Committee on Foreign Affairs. The material which most excites him comes from the alleged record of a conversation between an academic researcher and a middle rank Northern Ireland Office civil servant several years ago. Neither the government nor the individual involved have ever confirmed the authenticity of this account. Much of the rest of the "evidence" consists of apparently sinister phrases on the public record which are consistent with at least one construction other than the one Mr Powell places on them, and in some cases with several others.

This hocus-pocus reaches a climax in this sentence: "A handy witness (in front of the Select Committee) would be Sir Kenneth Stowe, Permanent Secretary in the NIO at the time, who could also elucidate the political steps decided by a meeting of officials in the autumn of 1979 after the murder of Lord Mountbatten." Officials in government would have been remiss if they had not been meeting in the wake of that atrocity. They are charged with giving political advice to ministers. And so on. It is not difficult to see why the Foreign Affairs Committee has declined Mr Powell's invitation to inquire further.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Universities rebut industry gibe

From the Rector of Imperial College of Science and Technology

Sir, I read your report (October 23) on Mr Kenneth Baker's encounter with the House of Lords committee on the state of research and development with a growing sense of puzzlement. The fact that there are many who are as yet unaware of the extent of the collaboration between universities and industry is not news; that, evidently, Mr Kenneth Baker is of their number is a painful surprise.

This is the more so since, in a previous embodiment, he has himself done much to engender new forms of collaboration, notably in the creation of the Alvey Initiative in the furtherance of information technology, which, I am quite sure he would agree, received total and enthusiastic backing from the university community. Is this visible reality all square with his suggestion that "... there has [not] been very much opening of doors into the ivory towers"?

Universities appreciate that they must do their bit to explain the extent to which both their applied and basic research is just that — applicable to industry and commerce. It was with this in mind that the University of London recently staged a major exhibition — "The Science for Industry Fair" — to trace the path from university creativity to industrial products.

It showed the range and diversity of applied research in applied earth sciences, biomedical engineering, biotechnology, information tenchology, marine technology, materials science, pharmaceuticals.

It was opened by her Royal Highness Princess Anne; it was seen by a large number of industrialists in the evenings; by 8,000 schoolchildren, who also attended a series of special lectures. Mr Baker had planned to come, but unhappily, was prevented from attending at the very last moment.

The University of London, this year celebrating the 150th anniversary of its foundation, has, right from its inception, sought partnership with industry. The university system as a whole has responded with great vigour to the growing need, a response which has imposed strains on the infrastructure which are hard to sustain.

None the less, we are pursuing even greater and wider interaction with industry and commerce. We are happy to discuss with Government any additional means by which we might further develop collaborative university-industry research. Perhaps, though, we could agree that ivory towers are quite extinct — at least within the university system.

Yours faithfully,
E. A. ASH, Rector,
Imperial College of Science and Technology,
Prince Consort Road, SW7.
October 27.

From Prof L. Finkelstein, FEng

Sir, I am a typical engineering academic and this has been for me a typical week. There were a number of incidental distractions from my tasks for the week, which were to teach engineering design and research into design for safety.

On Sunday, I finished attending a weekend conference in connection with my duties as a scientific adviser on civil defence.

On Monday, I showed to a Government minister the work on computer-aided design and robotic vision of the research centre which I direct and explained to him our many industrial contracts.

On Tuesday, I was at my professional institution to progress further a programme of action to promote and advance the practice of management and design.

On Wednesday, I attended the annual general meeting and meeting of the board of directors of an industrial company for which I am a non-executive director.

On Thursday morning I read in *The Times* that the Secretary of State for Education and Science has "accused universities of living in ivory towers".

I reflected for a moment that it is Government ministers and Civil Servants who do not live in "the real world" and got on with my work for the day.

Yours faithfully,
L. FINKELSTEIN, Dean,
School of Electrical Engineering and Applied Physics,
The City University,
Northampton Square, EC1.
October 23.

From the Secretary and Registrar of Southampton University

Sir, The Secretary of State for Education and Science has recently given evidence to a House of Lords sub-committee and if he has been accurately reported by your political staff I fear that it is he, rather than universities, who is living in an ivory tower.

Far from universities being reluctant to set up links with industry and other outside bodies, they have been doing so effectively for many years. In Southampton's case, for example, out of a total income of £52 million in the year ended August 31, 1986, no less than 29 per cent was derived from outside research grants and contracts, the income from our 19 industrial advisory units and income obtained by other departments for services rendered to non-univeristy bodies.

This income, in both cash and percentage terms, has been steadily rising over recent years and it is a worry that the secretary of state does not appear to know this.

Yours faithfully,
D. A. SCHOFIELD,
Secretary and Registrar,
The University,
Highfield,
Southampton, Hampshire.

Fairer treatment for archaeology

From the Reverend Canon John Nurser

Sir, The correspondence on the financing of rescue archaeology that has appeared since the description of the excavation of Maiden Castle (September 3) needs supplementing from our experience in Lincolnshire.

The costs of rescue archaeology in a county such as Lincolnshire — large and hugely rich in archaeological sites, but with low rateable values in the county and scanty local funds — are the same as anywhere else, but the proportion they might make of a developer's budget is dauntingly and unrealistically high.

It is not easy to see a way forward. Deep ploughing and drainage schemes in the fens, necessary urban development in Lincoln itself, mineral extraction, and other processes destructive of archaeological evidence — these all present dangers on a scale with which the resources available even in past years simply cannot cope.

There is little prospect that the national and local funds budgeted for archaeology will rise to levels which meet all (or most) of the demands of the situation. And it will take some time before developers in this part of the world assume the level of financial responsibility that might be considered normative toward the archaeological evidence they remove.

Archaeology is still a badly paid profession for a graduate to embark on. But our past deserves better, and fairer, treatment. The principle of "capacity to pay" seems an inappropriate criterion to determine whether a site in one area of our nation as against another receives the full archaeological treatment from developers — or indeed any treatment at all — before being earth-moved to oblivion.

JOHN NURSER (Chairman,
Friends of Lincoln Archaeological Research and Excavation),
c/o The Sessions House,
Lindum Road, Lincoln.

Listing procedure

From the Secretary of the National Association of Local Councils

Sir, I assume that Dr Black (October 17) is asking for a legal right of appeal against the listing of all types of preserved sites, because he knows of cases where the authority, in deciding to list the site, has made a wrong decision. It is, however, equally possible to make the wrong decision by not listing a potential site and there is no appeal against that refusal, which can be as important as a wrong listing.

The parish, town and community councils represented by this association, have over many years sought a right of appeal against decisions by planning authorities which permit development, or refuse protections to properties, where the local community is strongly opposed to the proposed changes in their environment, and where the changes will damage that environment.

If there is to be an extension of rights of appeal for individuals who are affected by decisions of listing authorities it is as vital to the general public good that there should also be proper permission for appeals against those decisions which are contrary to the wishes and interests of the local community.

Yours faithfully,
JOHN CLARK, Secretary,
The National Association of Local Councils,
108 Great Russell Street, WC1.

Incident in Verona

From Mr Madron Seligman, MEP for Sussex West (European Democrat (Conservative))

Sir, In his letter of October 15 on compensation for victims of mugging and terrorism at home and abroad, Edward McMillan-Scott states that criminal injury compensation boards exist in Great Britain, Eire, France and West Germany, which are available to nationals and visitors alike.

Unfortunately, France is an exception. Under French law such compensation has not been available to foreign visitors unless a reciprocal treaty has been signed or the victim has a 10-year residence permit.

The Council of Europe Convention on Compensation for Victims of Criminal Injury, signed by Britain and France in October, 1983, has not yet been ratified by their national parliaments.

Nevertheless, the British Criminal Injuries Compensation Board does, in fact, grant substantial compensation to victims of all nationalities, including several French, thus operating the spirit of the convention. The French Commission d'Indemnisation des Victimes d'Infractions has not yet followed suit.

It is deplorable that any government takes its obligations to protect the public from injury so lightly. A rapid ratification of the convention by all signatories is essential if tourism and business travel is to be undertaken with some peace of mind.

Yours faithfully,
MADRON SELIGMAN,
Micklepage House, Nuthurst,
Nr Horsham, West Sussex.

A kind of 'Church'

From the Right Reverend Patrick Rodger

Sir, I hope that the Conservative Party will be very chary of identifying itself with the kind of "Church" recommended by Mr Roger Scruton (October 21).

From his description, this is a Church whose creed is based upon property; which does not believe in grace but solely in human merit and achievement; which wishes neither to give nor to receive forgiveness; which teaches that the chief end of man is to look after No 1; and which holds that any help to the less fortunate must be proved cost-effective.

Whatever such a religion is, it is clearly one alternative to Christianity. And there will surely be others beside Christian electors who may notice this.

Yours faithfully,
†PATRICK RODGER,
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Edinburgh.
October 22.

Emergency call

From Mr H. W. Bees

Sir, There are an increasing number of people over 70 years old who live alone and who, sooner or later, are liable to become unexpectedly ill or drop down dead. Depending on when or where this occurs, someone (police, hospital, neighbour or stranger) may have the problem of deciding who they are and who is their next-of-kin.

I wonder therefore if a next-of-kin registry service could be established through the credit card system. Could not the providers of these cards record our next-of-kin if we asked them to do so, allowing us to indicate the fact by writing "nok reg" on the strip where we put our signature?

If any credit card organisation wished to give the idea a limited trial run they could start by limiting it to the over-80s and later increase its availability by reducing the qualifying age.

Yours truly,
H. W. BEES,
60 Bicton Street,
Exmouth, Devon.
October 20.

Greyhound racing

From Mr P. A. Sweeney

Sir, Lord Newall's plea (October 11) for a greyhound betting levy must be ignored until a statutory board is set up to control the sport and end the prevailing jungle law. Greyhound racing had lost its credibility as a respectable sport long before the horserace levy was introduced and its demise cannot be attributed to the absence of another levy in addition to those that the tracks already extract.

Lord Newall boasts that his industry attracts a million more spectators than horse-racing does. This statistic must be viewed in conjunction with three others. There are twelve times as many greyhound meetings; there are now no more than 40,000 people who go to the dogs regularly; and more than half of these are owners.

Lord Newall tells us that 20 per cent of off-course betting is on greyhounds. The proportion of this which relates to evening racing is negligible. Greyhound off-course bets are almost entirely wagered on afternoon meetings when horse-racing is curtailed because of inclement weather and when the unfortunate greyhounds are sometimes exploited to race regardless of the condition of the running surface.

Bookmakers contribute about £1.5 million to his tracks for these meetings. They also pay the tracks as much as 50 times the price of admission money instead of the statutory fee of five times that price and they stop 1 per cent of punters' winnings on behalf of the tracks in addition to the 4 per cent betting tax for the Treasury. Those who bet on the totalisator are obliged to hand over up to 17½ per cent to the tracks.

All these levies affect the pocket of that endangered species — the greyhound racegoer. Any further levy for the benefit of a selfish minority of promoters could not be justified.

Yours etc,
P. A. SWEENEY (Chairman, Greyhound Council of Britain),
Wheatfield, Church Lawford,
Rugby, Warwickshire.

Lure of Einstein

From Dr I. W. Parsons

Sir, Dr Wilski's contention (October 20) that "None of the real technical achievements of our age are based on the theory of relativity or any similar speculation" simply defies belief.

It would be nearer the mark to say that all the main technological achievements of the age (e.g., atomic power, both fission and fusion; some lasers, and the majority of their large-scale frequent uses; and a number of the everyday quantum-mechanical semiconducting devices) rely wholly or in large part upon phenomena whose understanding may be approached only via relativistic speculation.

This is not to say, of course, that any deep understanding of the theories of relativity is usually required for the construction and operation of such devices; the great Architect of the universe so arranged matters that, e.g., an atomic bomb works. The point is that no one would have thought of building atomic power stations without the insights that relativity brings to us.

Yours sincerely,
I. W. PARSONS,
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The University of Birmingham,
Birmingham.

Mechanical aid

From Mr John May

Sir, Mr Alfred Black (October 17) who charmed a computer, is indeed fortunate. *Which?* magazine, when offering unsolicited numbers in a prize draw, wrote not only to me but to Ms JAM.

I wrote to their computer saying I was a Mr and that no Ms JAM lived at my address. Back came an offer addressed to Ms JAM Esq. (He/she didn't win anything either).

Yours sincerely,
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Oxshott, Surrey.

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No Popery was an old cry, but Roman Catholicism had recently been given fresh impetus by the arrival of thousands of French emigrés and the passing in 1829 of the Catholic Emancipation Act. Spiritual revival was in the air. The Protestant Reformation Society was established in 1827 and in 1845 the Protestant Alliance was founded "exposing the errors of Roman Catholicism, Anglo-Catholicism, and modern error" in the words of the Protestant Dictionary. Irish immigration into Liverpool had not reached the level it did during the famines of the 1840s, but that city was already a promising area for the militant Protestant.

FORMATION OF A NEW PROTESTANT ASSOCIATION IN LIVERPOOL.— GREAT MEETING.

LIVERPOOL, Saturday.

Last night a great display of Protestant feeling was made in this town on the occasion of the formation of a new association, having for its object the promotion and encouragement of Protestant principle in the rising generation. The society was formed in consequence of the exertions recently made by the Papists to propagate the delusions of their religion among the younger portion of the community. The Roman Catholics of Liverpool boast that they are nearly 100,000 strong in the town, and that their numbers (in consequence of the almost Royal countenance given to them) are daily increasing. They have recently established what they term "A Protector Society", the real object of which is to obtain power in the local legislature, by subscribing funds for the purpose of paying the rates, &c., of the lower classes of Roman Catholics, and by all means in their power to encroach upon the established church and reinstate the *tolerant* reign of Popery. The association, which held its first meeting in the Music Hall last evening, was called into existence in the first instance by a few spirited young men and is designated "The Young Men's Established Church Society". It was one of the most numerous meetings ever held within the hall, it being so exceedingly crowded that hundreds surrounded the doors unable to gain admittance, and fears were entertained inside for the safety of the floors . . .

The most influential of the gentry, merchants, and clergy of the borough and neighbourhood appeared upon the platform.

Mr. C. Cresswell, M.P. for Liverpool, stepped forward, amid loud cheers, and said . . . There was no person who had observed the course of events but must have perceived that the attacks that had been directed against the established church of the realm had been various in their mode and in their degrees of malignity. Some had talked of pulling down the established church, in the vain hope of establishing their own church in its room. Others had wished to reduce it, for the purpose of degrading all modes of religion to the same dead level. Others again had shown an ardent desire to extinguish the light of religious truth, because their own deeds were evil; others, indifferent of religion altogether, had only political objects in view, and directed their efforts against the established church, because they thought it one of the first and strongest bulkwarks of the state, and they deemed that to pull down the one was the readiest and surest way to carry destruction to the other. (Loud cheers) . . . Others, more insidious, had attempted to form a system of national education, of which religion was not to form a part; and nothing could be better calculated to succeed, if they allowed them to carry it into effect, in sapping the foundation of national religion, and banishing gradually that respect in which the truth had been held.

The Rev. H. M'Neile then came forward amid loud cheers . . . The rev. gentleman, having dwelt with considerable eloquence on the importance of adopting the spirit of the resolution, said that looking practically at the benefit, social and relative, of the nation, considered as a whole, they alleged that the national church was productive of more benefit than any other. It contributed more to the peace and safety, the morality and happiness, of the community, than the army, more than the navy, more than any courts of law, more than the magistracy, more than the police. The officers of human justice restrained the outward enormities of those members of the community who were not influenced, who could not be reached, by the church. The church, however, preserved the great bulk of the community from giving the magistracy any trouble at all. If the church were extended as it ought to be by the Government, and energetic as it ought to be in itself, there would be little occasion for policemen. One true-hearted clergyman preaching the gospel of the grace of God, visiting the sick, and organizing the schools, prevented more crime than a hundred of the most active policemen in the kingdom . . .

COURT AND SOCIAL

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BUCKINGHAM PALACE
October 27: The Princess Anne, Mrs Mark Phillips, this evening attended The Air League Annual Reception in aid of The Air League Educational Trust in the Martini Terrace, New Zealand House, Haymarket, London W1.

Her Royal Highness later attended a banquet in aid of the Great Ormond Street Hospital for Sick Children, at the Guildhall, London EC2 and was received on arrival by Her Majesty's Lord-Lieutenant for Cambridgeshire (Mr Michael Bevan).

Mrs Timothy Holderness-Roddam was in attendance.

KENSINGTON PALACE
October 27: The Princess of Wales attended the Women of the Year luncheon, in aid of the Greater London Fund for the blind, at the Savoy Hotel, Strand, London WC2.

Miss Alexandra Loyd and Lieutenant-Commander Richard Aylard, RN, were in attendance.

The Prince of Wales has appointed Mr David Landale as Secretary and Keeper of the Records of the Duchy of Cornwall in succession to the late Sir John Higgs, KCVO. Mr Landale will become Secretary Designate on November 1, 1986.

The Prince of Wales, President of the Salisbury Cathedral Spire Trust, will attend the Parish Purses Collection service in Salisbury Cathedral on November 2.

Princess Anne, President of the Save the Children Fund, will visit two Save the Children Fund Projects in Essex on November 3 - the Ark Project, Harwich, and Clacton Family Centre, Clacton.

Princess Anne, Chancellor of London University, will open the new extension to the Department of Child and Adolescent Psychiatry, De Crespigny Park, Denmark Hill, SE5, on November 4, and later will attend the opening ceremony of the Hunterian Institute at the Royal College of Surgeons of England, 35-43 Lincoln's Inn Fields. She will accept conferment of the honorary fellowship of the college.

A memorial service for Lord Plant will be held at St Margaret's, Westminster, at noon today.

A service of thanksgiving for the life of Sir Desmond Pond will be held at St Paul's, Knightsbridge, at noon today.

Birthdays today

Mr Francis Bacon, 77; Air Chief Marshal Sir Harry Broadhurst, 81; Mr Carl Davis, 50; Sir Frederick Delve, 84; Mr David Dimbleby, 48; Professor Sir Richard Doll, 74; Lord Fraser of Kilmorack, 71; Surgeon Rear-Admiral John Keeling, 65; Miss Cleo Laine, 59; the Earl of Lanesborough, 68; Mr Hank Marvin, 45; Mr Michael Noakes, 53; Sir Rex Richards, 64; Mr William Rodgers, 58.

Forthcoming marriages

Captain J.A. Troup and Miss C.G. Buchanan
The engagement is announced between James Astley Troup, Argyll and Sutherland Highlanders, son of Vice-Admiral Sir Anthony and Lady Troup, of Bridge Gardens, Hungerford, and Carolyn Gail, eldest daughter of the late Mr T.O. Buchanan and Mrs P.M. Buchanan, of Rowmore, Rhu.

Mr D.J. Church and Miss A.M.L. Fitzsimons
The engagement is announced between David, younger son of Mr and Mrs J.A. Church, of Milton Keynes, and Alice, only daughter of Dr and Mrs J.T. Fitzsimons, of Cambridge.

Mr C.M. James and Miss C.J. Clews
The engagement is announced between Clive Malcolm, only son of Captain G.M.A. James, RN, and Mrs James, of Rowlands Castle, Hampshire, and Candida Jane, younger daughter of Mr and Mrs M.A. Clews, of Tunbridge Wells, Kent.

Mr N.M. Keith and Miss G.V. Onslow
The engagement is announced between Nicholas, son of the late Mr and Mrs J.R. Keith, and Geraldine, younger daughter of the late Captain R.T. Onslow, Royal Marines, and Mrs Onslow, of Westend House, Hambledon, Hampshire.

Mr B.R. Leckie and Miss C.M. Thwaite
The engagement is announced between Bruce, only son of Mr and Mrs Roy Leckie, of Chislehurst, Kent, and Caroline, second daughter of Mr and Mrs Anthony Thwaite, of Low Tharston, Norfolk.

Dr M.H. Mosley and Dr C.F. Bailey
The engagement is announced between Michael, son of Mr A.D.A.G. (Bill) Mosley, of Hong Kong, and Mrs Joan Mosley, of Bournemouth, and Clare, daughter of Dr and Mrs Andrew Bailey, of Chelsea.

Mr J.M. Nicholson and Miss E. Brooke-Smith
The engagement is announced between Jeremy, son of Mr and Mrs E.D. Nicholson, of Mortimers, Barley, Hertfordshire, and Elizabeth, daughter of Mr and Mrs B.J. Brooke-Smith, of Wyses House, Widdington, Essex.

Mr J.H. Worsley and Miss L.W. Pitfield
The engagement is announced between Jonathan, second son of Mr and Mrs J.A. Worsley, of Uxbridge, Ontario, Canada, and Laura, elder daughter of Mr R.H. Pitfield and Mrs D.W. Pitfield, of Toronto and Ottawa, Canada.

Receptions

The Duke of York, President of Federation Aeronautique Internationale, accompanied by the Duchess of York, attended a reception on Friday, October 24 at which Sir John Cuckney and the directors of Westland were hosts. The Duke of York presented the World Helicopter Speed Record Certificate to Mr Trevor Egginton, Chief Test Pilot, Westland Helicopters. Those present included Mr Geoffrey Pattie, Minister of State for Industry and Information Technology, and Mrs Pattie, Admiral Sir William Staveley, First Sea Lord and Chief of the Naval Staff, Air Marshal Sir Anthony Skingsley, Air Member for Personnel, and Lady Skingsley, Major General J.R. Templer, Assistant Chief of the Defence Staff, and Mrs Templer, and the Hon Archibald Hamilton, Under Secretary of State for Defence Procurement.

Air League
Princess Anne was received by the Lord Mayor of Westminster, the High Commissioner for New Zealand, Marshal of the RAF Sir John Grandy, President of the Air League, and Dr J.E. Henderson, chairman, at a reception held at New Zealand House last night, in aid of the Air League Educational Trust. Princess Anne presented flying badges to the winners of the trust scholarships and Dr Henderson was the host.

Sedbergh School

Old Sedberghian day in 1987 will be on Saturday, May 2. Owing to office modernization the despatch of the newsletter, the "Sedberghian" and list of members will be delayed.

Church news

Resignations and retirements
The Rev P H S Crawford, Vicar Hovingham, and Vicar Slingsby diocese of York, to retire on October 31.
Canon C A ffrench-Beytagh, Rector St Vedast-alias-Foster Foster Lane, diocese of London, to retire on December 31.
The Rev E H Hodges, Rector Landewednack, diocese of Truro, to retire at the end of October.
Prebendary C M Wedgwood, Prebendary of Wells Cathedral, diocese of Bath and Wells, living in retirement in Bath, will resign his prebendal stall on October 31 on moving from the diocese.

Appointments
The Rev J Allum, Vicar, Boulton, diocese of Derby, to be also Rural Dean of Melbourne, same diocese.
The Rev B J Arscott, Priest-in-charge, Manor Park, St Barnabas, diocese of Chelmsford, to be the Incumbent, Manor Park, St Barnabas, same diocese.
The Rev J H Bell, Curate, Highfield, diocese of Winchester, to be Team Vicar in the South Molton Team Ministry, diocese of Exeter.
The Rev D H Frost, Curate, Newton Aycliffe, diocese of Durham, to be Vicar, St Nicholas with Christ Church, Durston, same diocese.
The Rev I H Gilmour, Assistant Curate, Harold Wood, diocese of Chelmsford, to be Assistant Curate, Thame with Towersey, diocese of Oxford.
The Rev D Goldie, Priest Missioner Christ the Cornerstone, Milton Keynes, diocese of Oxford, to be vicar same parish.
Canon T B Golding, Rector Currin, Drum and Newbliss, Ireland, diocese of Clogher, to be Vicar St Thomas' Eighton Banks, diocese of Durham.
The Rev C Pearson, Curate, St John, Folkestone, diocese of Canterbury, to be the Incumbent, Ramsgate, St Luke, same diocese.
The Rev C F Penn, Rector, Chilcompton with Downside and Stratton on the Fosse, and Rural Dean of Midsomer Norton, diocese of Bath and Wells, to be Vicar Bathford, same diocese.
The Rev J D Saville, Rector of Beckenham, to be an Honorary Canon of Rochester.

Latest wills

Sir John Alfred Golding Howard, of Kempston, Bedfordshire, the civil engineer who founded the construction company, John Howard & Co in 1927, left estate valued at £329,094 net.

Dr Blaguigna **Popham**, of Beckhampton, Wiltshire, left £229,192 net.



The Rev David Stranack with the newly-recovered Constable painting, Christ Blessing Bread and Wine, which had been stolen from his church, St James', at Nayland, Suffolk, where it was painted in 1809 (Photograph: Chris Harris).

Archaeology

Glory of a great estate

A second season of research excavations on the site of an exceptionally fine stone thirteenth century manor house at Godmersham, near Canterbury, has just been completed.

The excavations, which were sponsored by the Kent Archaeological Society and directed by the writer, are part of a wider programme of research to study the parish of Godmersham which for more than a millenium was one of the great estates belonging to Canterbury Cathedral.

The land was first given to the archbishop in the early ninth century, and he passed it to "his monks" (of Christ Church Priory) in the 1030s. It remained with the Cathedral Priory until the Dissolution. It was sold to the new Dean and Chapter by Henry VIII, and only in the mid-nineteenth century did the Dean and Chapter sell the freehold to Edward Knight, Jane Austen's brother and the owner of the neighbouring Godmersham Park.

Much documentary evidence remains in the cathedral archives (particularly from the thirteenth century) and is being studied while a new topographical survey is being made of the whole parish, in the North Downs, where the River Great Stour has cut its course through the chalk.

Five hundred of the parish's 3,000 acres were emparked in 1742, and part of that area still contains what is probably the finest surviving late Iron Age and Roman field system in Kent.

The excavations during the past two years have been examining the remains of the large stone "court lodge" (ecclesiastical manor house) put up in the mid-thirteenth century when the monks once again took over the direct farming of the demesne of the manor (home farm).

The building, which was demolished in 1955, contained some exceptionally fine architectural features including two beautiful hall windows of two lights each with a quatrefoil above, all covered with very elaborate hood mouldings.

A late eighteenth century engraving of the house also shows that the thirteenth century solar fireplace with its chimney was still intact then, and fragments of all those features have been found in the excavation.

Underlying the building are the remains of a Norman ditch as well as those of late Iron Age and early Roman features. Documentary evidence says that a "new chapel with garderobe and oriel" was added in 1289, but this appears to have been a separate building and has not yet been located.

In the eighteenth century both ends of the court lodge were demolished and replaced by a new kitchen and scullery. All those features have now been fully excavated.

Tim Tatton-Brown

Loriners' Company

The following have been elected officers of the Loriners' Company for the ensuing year: Master, Mr Walter F. Ellersbaw; Upper Warden, Mr Robin H. Furniss; Under Warden, Mr John S. Walker-Arnott.

Luncheons

HM Government
Admiral of the Fleet Sir John Fieldhouse, Chief of the Defence Staff, and the United Kingdom Chiefs of Staff were hosts at a luncheon held yesterday at Admiralty House in honour of General Sharif Zeid Bin Shaker, Commander-in-Chief Jordan Armed Forces.

Women of the Year
The Princess of Wales attended the Women of the Year luncheon held yesterday at the Savoy Hotel in aid of the Greater London Fund for the Blind. The Marchioness of Lothian, founder president, presided and the other speakers were Miss Kate Adie, Miss Toyah Willcox and Mrs Susan Shaw, chairman. Mrs Terence Mallinson, Lord Mayor of Westminster, and the Countess of Airlie, Mrs Edna Healey and Miss Virginia Wade, vice-presidents, were present. The other guests of honour were:

The Mayor of Windsor and Maidenhead, Miss Diane Abbott, Mrs Margaret Anstey, Mrs Anne Barker-Poole, Miss Meg Bernstorf, General Eva Burrows, Salvation Army, Miss Lindka Cierach, Dr Vicky Clement-Jones, Lady Gemma Coleridge, Miss Anne Dickinson, Dr Janet Gale-Grant, Mrs Tricia Guild, Mrs Odette Hallowes, GC, Mrs Phillippa Harrison, Mrs C E Herring, the Hon Mrs Sarah Hogg, Miss Sandra Lousada, the Hon Diana Mabell, Miss Mary Mayne, Miss Emma Nicholson, Miss Jessye Norman, Dr June Patterson-Brown, Baroness Platt of Writtle, Miss Patricia Tindale, Judge Deborah Rowland, Mrs Lisa St Aubin de Teran, Miss Emma Sergeant, Mrs Elizabeth Shields, MP, Miss Julia Smith, Mrs David Veres, Commander Thelma Wagstaff, Professor Dorothy Wedderburn, Miss Fatima Whitbread and Miss Dorienne Wilson-Smythe.

New Zealand-United Kingdom Chamber of Commerce and Industry
Lord Denman, President of the New Zealand-United Kingdom Chamber of Commerce and Industry, and Mr N.R. Jones, chairman, received the guests at a luncheon held yesterday at Fishmongers' Hall. Baroness Young, Minister of State for Foreign and Commonwealth Affairs, was the guest of honour and the High Commissioner for New Zealand and the Agents-General for New South Wales and Queensland were among others present.

Science report

How epidemics may take hold

By A Special Correspondent

Doctors in the Soviet Union have been asked to revise their ideas about the causes of epidemics of common illnesses, covering infectious diseases from influenza to gastric conditions, and to amend their health prevention measures accordingly.

The advice follows a long research programme in community medicine. It concludes that most epidemics occur not because a new strain of virus or bacterium is introduced into the community, but because dormant pathogens start to multiply when a large group of people changes its composition.

The hypothesis, elevated to the stature of a "recent discovery" by the Soviet news agency Novosti, has been made by a team of Soviet doctors, headed by Academician Vitaly Belyakov, a member of the USSR Academy of Medical Sciences.

They came to that view after a lengthy study of how influenza, streptococci, staphylococci and adenoviral infections spread. From that work they are certain that apart from well-established external factors, epidemic processes are also governed by previously unknown "internal regulators", based on a relationship between pathogen and host, which has been evolving for centuries.

The research has concentrated on army units, schools, kindergartens and similar establishments in which epidemics frequently occurred after a new intake of service personnel or pupils. It was assumed that they brought active pathogens into such comparatively closed communities, which then triggered off an epidemic.

But it has now been established that a permanent relationship exists between man and microbe: at any given time perfectly fit people play host to disease-producing organisms, which have adapted themselves to the hostile environment of a healthy body and are so well camouflaged that it is difficult to identify them. The Soviet doctors compare them to felons hiding from the forces of law and order in a large city, remaining criminals at heart and only waiting for an opportunity to commit the next crime.

During this latent period members of a specific group develop a collective immunity against these viruses. The situation changes dramatically when new recruits or children join a battalion or class. The hidden pathogens "wake up", attack the newcomers, who in turn infect their colleagues, and an epidemic begins.

Having proved that microbes and man are dealing with each other not only during epidemics but also during the in between periods, the Soviet researchers claim that their new approach to the emergence and proliferation of infectious provides a clue to a medical puzzle: how can epidemics break out simultaneously in widely separated parts of the world which are not even connected by regular air services.

The Russians are convinced they are not caused by viruses miraculously travelling great distances, but quite simply by new people joining an existing community. They believe their findings could help prevent future epidemics: once researchers discover the exact hiding place of specific pathogens they should be able to render them harmless before they can attack the newcomers.

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OBITUARY

MR SHERMAN ADAMS

Ike's right-hand man who was brought down by scandal



Mr Sherman Adams, who was one of the most influential figures in America during the presidency of Dwight D. Eisenhower, until the "vicuna coat" scandal forced his resignation in 1958, died yesterday. He was 87.

As Governor of New Hampshire he helped to promote Eisenhower's candidacy in 1952, and soon after Ike was elected took the post of Assistant at the White House, where he acted as a most efficient civilian chief of staff to the general-turned-president.

His fall from power and grace caused quiet satisfaction to a number of senior politicians who had resented his control of patronage and, even more, his air of inflexible rectitude. But Eisenhower was genuinely sorry to lose him.

Sherman Adams was born at East Dover, Vermont, on January 8, 1899. A direct ancestor, Henry Adams, had settled in Massachussetts, in the fourth decade of the seventeenth century. The descendants of Henry Adams included Presidents John Adams and John Quincy Adams.

He entered Dartmouth College, interrupting his studies for a period of service with the US Navy in 1918, and graduating in 1920. He took a position with a lumbering firm, starting with the task of peeling logs and rising to the position of manager of a New Hampshire company. Adams showed all the toughness necessary for dealing with hundreds of lumberjacks.

In 1940 he entered New Hampshire politics, winning election to the state legislature as a Republican. He became speaker, and also served for a short time in the US Congress. In 1948 he was elected governor of the state, and in 1950 was elected for a second term. He reorganized the state's administrative machinery.

During his second term the question of finding a Republican candidate for the presidency became crucial. Senator Robert A. Taft, of Ohio, and his friends were entrenched in the Republican Party machine, but in the country as a whole he was far from being a popular figure, and doubts were felt as to his ability to dislodge the Democrats.

The name of Dwight Eisenhower, famous as a war commander and widely popular, but without party entanglements, was being canvassed. Before the summer of 1951 Adams was not personally acquainted with Eisenhower, but he became convinced of the importance of his candidacy.

In that year Adams urged his fellow Republican governors to work for an Eisenhower victory, and himself set the ball rolling by causing Eisenhower's name to be entered in the presidential primary in New Hampshire, in March 1952.

The New Hampshire primary was the first to be held, and Taft made the mistake of contesting it personally in a whirlwind speaking tour through the state. This dramatized the event, and when Eisenhower - who took no part in the campaign, being still Nato commander in Paris - won by a wide margin, the extent of popular support for him was revealed.

Another result was that Governor Adams himself began to emerge as a national figure. When the Republican Convention met in Chicago in July 1952, Adams was made floor leader of the Eisenhower forces. He and Ike took a liking to each other, and their association was cemented by Adams's presence at Eisenhower's side throughout the election campaign.

During the presidency of Eisenhower's predecessor, Harry S. Truman, the office of "Assistant to the President" had been created. After his inauguration, Eisenhower appointed Adams to this position, and Adams remained what he had become during the election campaign Eisenhower's chief of staff.

So close was he to the president that their relations were sometimes compared with those subsisting between Colonel House and Woodrow Wilson or between Harry Hopkins and Franklin D. Roosevelt. The comparison is not altogether appropriate, for Adams had no disposition to be the *eminence grise*, the go-between in secret diplomacy.

He was acknowledged as the chief of a large presidential staff which he himself helped to mould and which he ran with conspicuous efficiency. With a forthrightness that often gave offence, he also made himself the buffer between the president and the outside world.

Adams's role as "Assistant President", rather than "Assistant to the President" (his official title), came directly to the public notice in September 1955 when Ike suddenly fell ill.

The then vice-president, Mr Richard Nixon, was known to be a contender for the presidency, to which it was then thought (mistakenly, as it turned out) that Ike would not seek re-election. Nixon's assumption of the duties of the office would obviously have placed him in a favourable position at the 1956 Republican Convention.

The Republican leaders had mixed feelings about Nixon, and the administrative machine which Adams had created, as well as his own determination in the matter, enabled substantive power to be exercised for the president by his White House staff and not by the vice-president.

Adams disdained the small talk of life and the synthetic geniality of politics. Opening gambits in the form of questions about his health were known to produce the curt reply that he preferred to discuss the caller's business first. With these characteristics he did not become a popular figure, least of all with politicians of his own party visiting the White House with favours to seek of the chief executive.

When, therefore, it came to light that this self-righteous, hard-working and brusque exemplar of New England probity had been receiving favours, including a vicuna coat, from a free-spending, hard-drinking Russian immigrant financier, Bernard Goldfine, many were secretly delighted.

Adams at first attempted to ride out the storm, insisting that he had done no wrong. But eventually, on September 22, 1958, he announced on television that he was resigning to spare the Republican Party further embarrassment. Ike later admitted that Adams had been "probably naive and unwary", and Adams himself, in his account of his White House years, *First-Hand Report* (1961), admitted that he had made "mistakes of judgement".

He returned to his home in the White Mountains, where, as a keen skier, he devoted much of his time to developing the Loon Mountain ski area.

He married, in 1923, Rachel White, who survives him with their son and three daughters.

MR FORREST TUCKER

Mr Forrest Tucker, actor, who in a career spanning more than 100 films most often portrayed crusty characters and rugged leading men, died in Los Angeles on October 25. He was 67.

He will be best remembered, however, as Sergeant Morgan O'Rourke in the 1960s television series *F Troop*, a military farce featuring the bumbling band of cavalry misfits of Fort Courage, somewhere west of the Missouri River, in post-Civil War days.

As the fast-talking, scheming O'Rourke, he secretly negotiated a highly profitable treaty with the Hekawai Indians, who gave him exclusive rights to sell their souvenirs to tourists.

Born at Plainfield, Indiana, on February 12, 1919, Tucker began his career at the age of 15 as a master of ceremonies for the Gayety Burlesque Theater in Washington; but, when it was discovered that he was under age, he was sacked. Again lying about his age, he joined the army. He returned to the Gayety two years later, working there at night while studying at high school during the day.

He went on to perform in theatres and nightclubs around the country until Samuel Goldwyn gave him his first break, bringing him to Hollywood for his screen debut in *The Westerner* with Gary Cooper in 1940. He specialized at first in portraying villains, often in westerns.

After army service during the Second World War, Tucker built a long and successful film career. He appeared in *Keeper of the Flame* with Spencer Tracy and Katharine Hepburn, and *The Sands of Iwo Jima* and *Chisum* with John Wayne, who was a close friend. His first starring role was in *Rock Island Trail* in 1950.

In later years, he concentrated mainly on comedy, starring in such films as *The Night They Raided Minsky's* with Elliott Gould in 1968; *Cancel My Reservation* in 1972; and *The Wackiest Wagon Train in the West* in 1976.

Tucker, burly and six foot five tall, was a natural choice for heroic roles. He regarded himself as one of the last of a breed of film "ugly guys" in the model of Wallace Beery and Victor McLaglen. Off screen he was an immaculate dresser, seldom seen without a carnation in his buttonhole.



BIRTHS, MARRIAGES, DEATHS AND IN MEMORIAM

Have we not all one father? hath not one God created us? Why do we deal treacherously every man against his brother...?

Malachi 2: 10

BIRTHS

BAILLIEU - On October 24th, in Sydney, to Anne (née Bromham) and Peter, a son, Nicholas James.

BRADLEY - On October 21st 1986, to Denise (née Woods) and Ian, a daughter, Charlotte Stephanie Louise.

CHENEY - on 23rd October to Harriet (née Phillips) and Peter, a daughter Letty, sister for Melita and Thea

COOKE - On October 25th at Leamington Spa, to Janet (née Malcolm) and Richard, a daughter. (Hannah Elizabeth)

COWIE - On October 19th, to Rebecca (Née Warburton) and Peter, a son, George Edward Malkin, a brother for Hannah Elizabeth.

DAVIS - On October 27th at Greenwich Hospital, to Linda (née Coventry) and Kenneth, a son, Adam William.

DICKINSON - On October 24th 1986, at Cheltenham, to Claire (née Richardson) and Clive, a son, Ralph Edward Havelock.

GIBB - On 23rd October, at St. Luke's, Guildford, to Lesley (née Mock) and Jamie, a daughter, Francesca Sarah, a sister for Emma.

HALDEN on October 25th at Queen Charlottes Hospital, to Carole & Bill, a daughter Willa

HALL - On October 10th 1986, to Fiona and Richard, a daughter, Alexandra Blayne.

HOPE - On October 24th, at Gloucester Maternity Hospital, to Rosanna (née Johnstone) and Andrew, a daughter. (Clara Harriet)

HOWARD - On October 23rd, to Frances (née Lapping) and Richard, a daughter, Emma Catherine.

JELLARD - On 19th October, in The Hague, to Philippa (née Lane) and Philip, a daughter.

JOSTEN - On October 24 1986, to Jane (née Brooks) and Martin, a son, William, a brother for Caroline.

KAPHAN on 21st October 1986 to Claudia (nee Higson) and David, a daughter Holly, a sister for Emily, Alice and Daisy

KENDRICK-MARTIN - On October 26th 1986, to Susan and Phillip, a daughter, Abbigale Jane Beatrice.

LEWIS - On Monday 20th October to Jean (nee Richards) and Michael, twin daughters, Kate and Anna

MADDEN - On 25th October 1986, to Denise (née Gray) and Stephen, a son, Thomas James.

PROUDLOCK on October 23rd 1986 to Lena & Michael, a son Oliver Nigel Drew.

ROWAN - On Sunday 26th October, to Joey (née Towler) and Peter, a daughter, Clare Scarlett, a sister for Katherine.

SETRIGHT - On October 18th, to Kharin (neé Cox) and Henry, a son, James Henry David.

TEMPEST - On October 25th, to Dolores and Alastair, a son, Stephen Michael, a brother for Olivia.

THURSFIELD - On October 24th 1986, at Burton-on-Trent, to Janet (née Dunn) and Geoffrey, a daughter, Heather Amelia Lucy, a sister for Sarah and Robert.

WATLER - On October 21st 1986, to Susan (née Barter) and John, a son, Jonathan James Barter.

DEATHS

ALLWORK - On October 26 1986, Leonora Mary, aged 78 at home. Widow of Richard John Rice, and mother of Sally Patricia. Funeral service at Mortlake crematorium, on Friday October 31st, at 12.30 p.m. Enquiries to T.H. Sanders and Sons Ltd, 447 Upper Richmond Road West, London SW14.

ASHE - On 23rd October 1986, in London, Christopher de Courcy aged 28. Dearly loved husband of Vicky, son of John and Gilly and brother of Nicky and George. Funeral service at St. Gile's Church, Lea, Nr. Malmesbury, on Friday 31st October 1986, at 1pm, followed by private cremation. Enquires: Mr. Matthews (06662) 2216

BARNFIELD - On October 23rd, peacefully at Mount Vernon Hospital, Northwood, Captain Richard Thomas, much loved father of Anthony and Jane, grandfather of Joanna and Giles. Interment private. Memorial Service at 11.30 a.m. on Saturday November 1st at St. Mary's Church, Harrow-on-the-Hill. Requiescat in Pace.

BROWNLOW - On October 23rd, very peacefully at home in Windermere, G.E.M. (Joy) Brownlow age 93 years. Service at St Martins Church, Bowness on Windermere, on Thurs Oct 30th at 2p.m. followed by cremation, at Lancaster at 3.30 p.m. Family flowers only, but donations if desired to the Ambleside Mountain Rescue Team, c/o. J.B. Longmire and Son Limited, 3 Oak St Windermere Cumbria LA23 1BH.

BROWN - On 26th October 1986, in Palma de Mallorca, Sybil Alleen (née Warwick), beloved wife of Ronald and loving sister of Pamela (Cranston, Low and Kenneth).

COMBRIDGE - On October 23rd 1986, peacefully after a short illness, Winifred Adelaide, (Née Cooke) formerly of Stoke Poges, Bucks, dear wife of J.Theodore Combridge. Funeral on Friday October 31st, at 11.15am in St. Peter's Church, St Albans. No flowers, but donation may be sent to, the Leukaemia Research Fund, 43 Great Ormond Street, London WC1N 3JJ.

CUNNINGHAM - On 24th October, Margaret (Peggy) Cunningham, peacefully at home in Caddington with Jim, Peter and Mark. Funeral at All Saints Church, Caddington 11.30 am Thursday October 30th. Donations please to Cancer Relief MacMillan Fund, c/o Nevilles Funeral Service, Neville House, Leagrave, Beds.

DUNKLEY - On 20th October 1986, Bryan, unexpectedly but peacefully. Sadly missed by Maggie, Judith, Robert and Jane. Also business associates and friends. Funeral service has already taken place.

ELLIOTT - On 26th October, very peacefully, Cecil Albert Marchant, of Aldworth, Berks., at the Sue Ryder Home, Nettlebed, in his 81st year. Dear husband of Eva, deeply loved father of Adrian, Nicholas, Susan, Felicity, Bridget and Richard, much loved by his many grandchildren. Funeral Service at Aldworth Parish Church on Friday October 31st at 2.30 p.m.. Instead of flowers, retiring collection for Sue Ryder Home please.

FARRELL - On 26th October, Maria Cornelia aged 89 years, Window of Hugh Farrell and mother of Adrienne Jackson, Paddy Horsley and Tom Farrell. Requiem at St John's Church, Beverley on Thursday 30th October at 11.00 am. Family flowers only please.

FIELD - On 25th October 1986, Dick beloved husband of Molly and dear father of Jenny and grandfather of Peter, Thomas and Jessica. Memorial Service Saturday 1st November, Marsworth Church 12.30 pm. No flowers - donations to Diabetes Centre, Stoke Mandeville Hospital, Aylesbury.

GILBERT - On Monday 20th October, Mark Sebastian, younger son of Geoffrey and Kay and brother of Nicholas and Carey. Cremation has taken place.

GOUGH - On October 24th, Aubrey Edward T.D., dearly loved and loving husband of Aileen. Service at St. Dunstan's Church, Cheam at 1 pm on Thursday 30th October, followed by private cremation. Family flowers only. Enquiries: John Nodes Funeral Service, 181 Ladbroke Grove, W10. 01 969 1819.

GREATREX - On the 26th October, at home in Cranborne, Ferdie, dearly loved husband of Pat. Funeral at Cranborne Church on Thursday October 30th at 11.30 a.m..

HILL - On 25th October, after a brief illness, Anthony Ewert Ledger, O.B.E., D.L. of Twyford Lodge, Nr. Winchester. Loved husband, father, grandfather and great grandfather. Funeral private. Memorial Service will be announced later.

HOPKINS - On 26th October, Stanley Howell of Westcliffe on Sea. Beloved husband, father, grandfather and great grandfather. A survivor of the Battle of Loos and former Director of Denny, Mott and Dickson Ltd. Cremation on 31st October, at 2pm at Southend Crematorium. No flowers by request, but donations if desired, to The British Heart Foundation, 102 Gloucester Place, W1 or The Royal Masonic Hospital, Ravenscourt Park, W6.

HUDSON - On 16th October in Spain, Moyra (née Youds) beloved sister of Irene Tompsett, of 19 St. Simon's Avenue, Putney, London.

JACKSON - On October 23rd 1986, Peter Frederick, suddenly, beloved husband of Pat, father of Sarah, Charlie and Tom, step-father of Peter, Jamie and Caroline, grandfather of Natalie and Nicola. Funeral Wednesday 29th October at 2.30 p.m. at Little Missenden Church, Bucks. Flowers to K.Y. Green, 29 Cambridge Street, Aylesbury.

LEONARD - On 26th October 1986, peacefully after a long illness, bravely fought at Newton Abbot Hospital, Gladys Joan, aged 80, widow of the late Hugh Leonard. Funeral Service at High Week Parish Church, Newton Abbot, at 2.30 p.m. on Friday 31st October.

LE TALL - On 25th October, peacefully at home, Jean, aged 86 years of Brig House, Stogumber, beloved wife of Eric, mother of June and grandmother of Robin and James. Cremation at Taunton Deane Crematorium on Thursday October 30th at 2 p.m.. Family flowers only. Donations if desired to Cancer Research c/o F H Willicombe & Son, Williton, Taunton, Somerset.

LIGHT - On October 24, peacefully at The Garth Nursing Home, Dorking, Ellen Adele Lea, aged 98 years, devoted wife of the late Donald Owen Light, beloved mother of Elisabeth and Michael and dear grandmother of their families. Funeral at St Martin's Church, Dorking on Thursday 30th October at 10.30am. Flowers please to Sherlock and Sons, Trellis House, Dorking

LIPSCOMB - On October 26, peacefully at Sutton Veny House NH, Lt. Cmdr. Eric Streatfeild, much loved husband of the late Mary and stepfather of Diane. Funeral 31 October at Haycombe Crematorium, Bath at 2.20 pm. No flowers please, donations to R.N.L.I.

MACNAMARA - On October 25th, peacefully at a London Hospital, Matthew Joseph M.P.S.I., beloved husband of Frances and father of Brinsley, Hilary and Anna. Funeral private.

MEDCALF - On 25th October, peacefully after a long and courageously fought illness at St. Luke's Nursing Home, Oxford, Clare, wife of the late Bill Medcalf, much loved and admired mother and grandmother. Funeral at St. Peters Church, Chalfont St. Peter, Bucks, on Friday 31st October at 12.30pm. Flowers to H.C. Grimstead Ltd, Layters Green Lane, Chalfont St. Peter, Bucks.

MICHIE - On 24th October, suddenly James Alexander Michie, M.A., D.Lit., of 92 Hull Road, Cottingham. Dearly loved husband of Elizabeth. Much loved by his children, Aline, Hamish, Margaret, Alastair, by Magnus, Helen and Roger and by his grandchildren, Magnus, James, Elizabeth and Rosemary. Service at the Hallgate Methodist Church, Cottingham on Thursday 30th October at 1.15 pm. Family flowers only please.

MILLS - On October 25th 1986, at home, Muriel, aged 91 years. Widow of Herbert, much loved mother of Barbara and grandmother of Peter and Anne. Funeral Service at the Downs Crematorium, Bear Road, Brighton, on Friday October 31st at 3 pm. Family flowers only please but donations if desired, as she would have wished, to the Brighton and Hove High School Gift Fund, Brighton and Hove High School, Montpelier Road, Brighton.

MURCH - On 25th October, peacefully at home, Lt.Com. Norman Robins Murch R.N. (Rtd), aged 79 years. Much loved husband of Sheila and father of Anna and Jo. Funeral Service at Croydon Crematorium on Thursday 30th October at 4pm. Flowers to J.B. Shakespeare Ltd, 67 George St, Croydon, by 12 noon.

PARKIN - On October 22nd 1986, very suddenly, at Clare College, Charles William, Fellow and Tutor of the College. Funeral Service in the College Chapel at 4pm on Wednesday 29th October followed by Cremation at the Cambridge Crematorium. Enquiries to H. Williams (Funeral Directors), 9 Victoria Park, Cambridge (359480).

PARKINSON - On October 24th 1986, peacefully at Littlehampton, aged 85 years, Joan Frances Hannah. Funeral Service, Worthing Crematorium, Findon on Thursday October 30th at 12.15 p.m..

PEIERLS - On 26 October, in the Radcliffe Infirmary Oxford, Eugenia, wife of Rudolf, peacefully after a brief illness, aged 78. Cremation private. No flowers. Donations may be sent to the Neurological Research Trust Fund, Radcliffe Infirmary, Oxford.

ROY-CHOWDHURY - On 25th October, at The Pilgrims Hospice Canterbury, Rosemary (née Hanbury-Tracy). Requiescat in Pace. Enquiries to E.B. Cavell, Deal, 0304 373275

SLADE-BAKER - On October 27th, in her 94th year, Helen, widow of the late Colonel John Slade-Baker, loving mother of Pauline Turner Bridger, Bridget Geffen and the late Gillian Compton-Hall, grandmother and great grandmother

SMITH - On 24th October, Clive Douglas Smith, FCA, at Aldeburgh. Very dear husband of Mina. Funeral private. No flowers please.

SPURR - On 25th October 1986, peacefully at home in Godalming, Lieutenant-Colonel Edward Cremer (Willie), Queen's Own Royal West Kent Regiment, much loved husband of Peggy and father of Victoria, Caroline and Philippa.

SYKES - On Sunday October 26th, Hugh Philip Pownall, much loved husband of Kay and father of Philippa and Anthony. Funeral Service, Friday October 31st at 11 am at St. Mary the Virgin, Great Bedwyn. No flowers, but contributions to The Friends of Great Bedwyn Church Trust, c/o E.F. Haines, 18 High Street, Great Bedwyn.

TREGEAR - On October 22nd 1986, as a result of a car accident, Tim, aged 40, so dearly loved by his wife Barbara, family and friends, his parents Hilda and Jack and his brothers David and Roger.

UNGER - On October 23rd, in Rio de Janeiro, Dr. Kate Unger (née Goldman), widow of Fred, beloved mother of Tom and Marilia, grandmother of Daniel and Carmen. May she rest in peace.

WALTON - On October 25th, at Summerods Orchard, Hexham, Anne beloved wife of the late Prof. W.S. Walton (Newcastle and Little Missenden). Private family cremation, no letters or flowers please. Donations in lieu to Marie Curie Foundation, Conrad House, Newcastle Upon Tyne or British Heart Foundation, 393 Westgate Road, Newcastle Upon Tyne.

WHEELER - On 21st October, suddenly in Minorca, Mary (née Parkin), beloved wife of Michael. Service at St Peter's Church, Nottingham, on Wednesday 29th October at 2 pm. Donations, if desired, may be sent to Motor Neurone Disease Assosiation, c/o Baguley Bros., 500 Mansfield Road, Nottingham.

WHITE - On October 24th, suddenly in Florida, James Napier, beloved husband of the late Dawn Addams (White) and dear father of John and grandfather of Nicola and Laura, brother of Jean Flynn.

WINSOR - On October 22nd, very suddenly, Marguerite Les Winsor. Much loved partner and companion of 48 years, sadly missed.

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IN THE MATTER OF LONDON REVERSIONS PLC
and
IN THE MATTER OF
THE COMPANIES ACT, 1985

The Official Receiver having reported to the Court the results of the meetings of creditors and contributories herein as regards the nomination of a liquidator and a Committee of Inspection

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Court has fixed Wednesday 12th November 1986 at 2.00pm at the Chambers of Mr Registrar Bradburn Room 301 Thomas More Building, Royal Courts of Justice, Strand, London WC2 for the consideration to the appointment of a liquidator and Committee of Inspection as will appear necessary and advisable
Dated this 28th Day of October 1986

J.L.P. POPE
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J. MESSIAS
SECRETARY

IN THE HIGH COURT OF JUSTICE
No 006468 of 1985
CHANCERY DIVISION
COMPANIES COURT
IN THE MATTER OF TRANSAC SERVICES LIMITED
AND
IN THE MATTER OF THE COMPANIES ACT 1985

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D G SCOTT
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Pope's call for peace gets mixed reaction

By Nicholas Beeston

The call, inspired by the Pope, for a day of peace yesterday drew a mixed response from the world's trouble spots.

In some of the world's longest and bloodiest conflicts pledges were made to maintain the 24-hour truce: in other regions the appeal was ignored.

The US-backed government and Leftist rebel leaders of the Frente Farabundo Marti group in El Salvador, the US-backed Nicaraguan Democratic Forces and the Nicaraguan Democratic Front, Chile's Manuel Rodriguez Patriotic Front and Colombia's Armed Revolutionary Forces all accepted the call.

Peru's Maoist Shining Path guerrilla group did not and was blamed for detonating four bombs in a sports stadium.

Christian and Muslim militias agreed to a ceasefire, despite renewed clashes between Palestinian and Shia forces in southern Lebanon and sniper fire in Beirut.

Israel was among 40 governments which endorsed the call and the Palestine Liberation Organization said it would strike a chord with its members.

Iran did not respond officially, but President Saddam Hussein of Iraq said he would observe a ceasefire if Tehran reciprocated.

The Irish Republican Army responded similarly but a goods train was derailed by a bomb near Newry.

The Polisario Front fighting for independence from Morocco in Western Sahara, the South African-backed Unita forces in Angola and the Sudanese People's Liberation Army accepted the appeal, but Pretoria-backed Mozambique National Resistance movement did not.

The fatal shooting of an army corporal marred an agreement between Tamil seperatists and the Sri Lankan government and there was no response from Sikh militants in India, nor from either side in Afghanistan.

But in Cambodia, anti-Vietnamese guerrillas heeded the call and in the Philippines President Aquino took part in a "Mass for Peace".

Indonesia and South Korea also recognized the message but guerrilla groups in Ethiopia, Chad, Spain and South Africa did not.

World religions united in Assisi day of prayer

Continued from page 1

result of negotiations, political compromises or economic bargainings."

The day was divided into three parts. First came this welcome. The religious leaders then retired to different parts of the town, where they all prayed for peace for several hours following their own rites. This was the least successful period of the day.

The Christians enjoyed a dignified service in the cathedral of San Rufino, where the Pope told them that prayer was an essential part of the effort for peace. His own flair for such occasions illuminated the Christian meeting, while leaving the other religions to run the risk of becoming minor attractions for the tourists.

The animists in particular looked embarrassed as they performed their rites, some of them for the first time outside their forests, in a municipal hall before a large, talkative audience.

Then the third stage of the day restored dignity as the religious leaders walked in a series of small processions through the narrow streets to meet in the square beneath the basilica of San Francesco. The Pope as he walked had Dr Runcie on his right and a bishop representing the Orthodox Patriarchate of Constantinople on his left. Once in the square they prayed again.

The Pope's concluding address was loftily aimed in its reminder to his guests that "the challenge of peace as it presently is posed to every human conscience transcends religious differences."

But before he finished he told them: "I humbly repeat here my own conviction; peace bears the name of Jesus Christ." They then ate a simple supper together and the Pope's day of peace, as mixed as the weather which varied from rain to rainbows, was over.



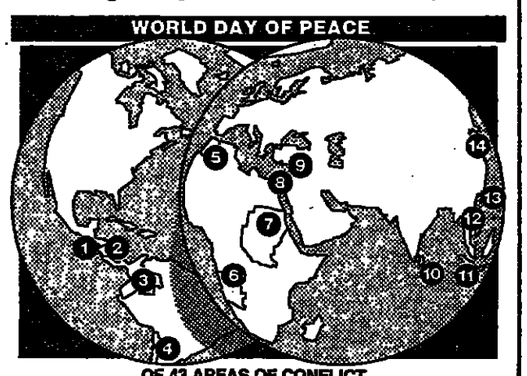
The Dalai Lama with hundreds of onlookers in Assisi before meeting the Pope at the start of the peace day.



Mother Teresa of Calcutta arrives for the ceremony.



The Archbishop of Canterbury embraces the Pope.



OF 43 AREAS OF CONFLICT, 14 TODAY OBSERVED A 24-HOUR TRUCE:

1 El Salvador, 2 Nicaragua, 3 Colombia, 4 Chile, 5 Morocco, 6 Angola, 7 Sudan, 8 Israel, 9 Lebanon, 10 Sri Lanka, 11 Indonesia, 12 Cambodia, 13 Philippines, 14 South Korea

Frank Johnson in the Comm

Skills founder c a name unsaid

Opposition members returned to the House from their constituencies yesterday to confront the new issue of the hour: how to raise — on a day when the business on the order paper was successively about energy policy, the funding of the arts, and regional development with special reference to Scotland and Wales — the subject of Mr Jeffrey Archer?

They had faced a similar dilemma precisely a week earlier in regard to Mr Harvey Proctor, the right-wing Conservative member for Billericay who had been accused by a Sunday newspaper of personally demonstrating his faction's traditional commitment to corporal *punishment*. Mr Proctor had had a question on the order paper, but when the Speaker called his name he was not in the House. "Where is he?", cried the Labour benches, triumphantly, only to be outdone by a Tory who shouted: "In the Whips' Office." (laughter in all parts of the House - prolonged, and lewd in tone).

This column did not report that incident at the time because we do not believe in spanking a man when he is down. But it has now entered the ranks of *Great Moments in Parliament*. Mr Proctor seems now to be secure in the backing of his constituency association, if backing be the appropriate word. And the exchange can now be recorded as an example of MPs' endless ingenuity in overcoming the constraints of the order paper. But how was this ancient skill to be deployed in the case of Mr Archer?

Question time got going with Mr Peter Walker, the Secretary for Energy, and his junior ministers, maintaining an admirable rate of productivity in the excavation of statistics about such matters as geothermal power, tidal power and wind power. Not much scope here for a question to do with the eternal power of lust. But, from the gallery, we could see that the grizzled heads of trade union-sponsored Labour MPs, and others, were working on the problem.

But soon we were on questions to the Minister for the Arts, Mr Richard Luce, and time was running out if the Labour Party was going to get Mr Archer in during question time. A Scottish Tory asked whether it was not a fine thing that Glasgow had been chosen as European City of Culture for 1990.

Naturally, the Minister agreed, the cultured Glaswegians being renowned for occasional violence against people who do not agree with them. The Shadow Minister for the Arts, Mr Norman Buchan, intervened. He is a non-Glaswegian Scot. This would at first suggest that he hates the place. But his wife, a member of the European Parliament, is a Glaswegian. Whatever the reason, he suppressed any adverse criticism. All joined in hymning the culture of Glasgow.

Actually, there is a lot of the stuff in the city - the neo-classical terraces of the architect Alexander Thomson, known as "Greek Thomson"; the Burrell Collection; the Kelvingrove gallery; and in the Glasgow Hillhead constituency, the elegant monument which was restored and brought to the city after its sojourn in Brussels: Hillhead's MP, Mr Roy Jenkins — known as "Belgian" Jenkins. But one thing was certain: none of this had anything to do with Mr Archer.

Now we were on to questions to the Minister for the Civil Service, who also happens to be Mr Luce — the Civil Service and the arts being regarded in Whitehall as related subjects. Mr Simon Coombs, the Conservative member for Swindon, asked Mr Luce to encourage women "to offer themselves" for the Civil Service, and to support an organization called "Women in Public Life."

At last, a suitable subject. Mr Luce said he was in favour of women in public life. But what about women in public streets - ho, ho? You can see that this was what those Labour brutes were thinking. Suddenly, Mr William Hamilton, Labour member for Fife Central and student of the monarchy, thought of something, and got up. Would Mr Luce recommend, he asked, that the next Deputy Chairman of the Conservative Party be a woman?

Various irresponsible Tory back-benchers shouted: "Edwina!"

And that was the best that could be done on a difficult day. Other opportunities are expected. For example, there are the health implications. Can Aids be transmitted by the exchange of bank notes? This would be a matter for a Minister of Health, probably the aforementioned Edwina.

THE TIMES INFORMATION SERVICE

Today's events

Royal engagements

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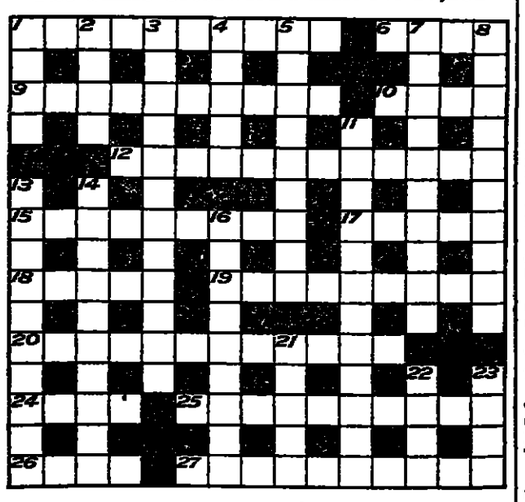
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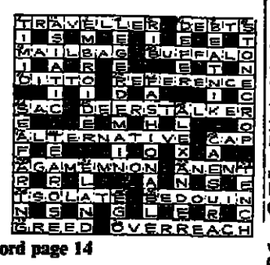
ACROSS

1 Generally garbled any order (2,3,5).
6 Exploits book (4).
9 Having plenty of funds, I give them to somebody in New York (2,3,5).
10 Get Kitty to ring back (4).
12 Reject note about Oddfellows and cause hostility (12).
15 Some flora and fauna captured by the camera (9).
17 Crow's feathers taking half of nest (5).
18 Wanted Conservative out — spoke wildly (5).
19 Something baker produces to put fire out (5,4).
20 A trifle covers, say, fruit (12).
24 In the finish, I get the girl (4).
25 We were taught about life to start with — it's thoroughly deserved (4-6).
26 Photograph bear (4).
27 Puts money in the box without moving (5-5).

DOWN

1 Robber abandoned and in prison (4).
2 Singer changed a lot (4).
3 Put fertilizer on blue carpeting (8,4).
4 There are a number of us in the affair (5).
5 Conservationist gets hit in open country (5,4).
7 Fellow worker gives barrel-maker a rise (10).
8 American address to put in good envelope (10).
11 Some tennis games, as we hear, cause disagreement (3,2,3,4).
13 He's let into secret, so breaking game's record (5-5).
14 Smart detective — he thinks he knows it all (6,4).
16 Complete piece of equipment (9).
21 What's left in barrel I consume (5).
22 It's rising in support of an opponent (4).
23 One loved swimming in lido (4).

Solution to Puzzle No 17,187



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Exhibitions in progress

Ecology and the electricity supply industry: National History Museum, Cromwell Road, SW7: Mon to Sat 10 to 6; Sun 2.30 to 6.

Last chance to see

Jewish graphics by Simon Prais: The Sternberg Centre for Judaism, 80 East End Road, Finchley, N3; 10 to 5.

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Minstrelsy in Jacobean and Stuart London: St Edmund-the-King, Lombard Street, EC3: 1.

The Choir of Canterbury Cathedral: St Michael's, Cornhill, EC3: 6.

Piano recital by Peter Bridges: St Martin-in-the-Field, WC2: 1.05.

Concert by Academy of St Martin-in-the-Fields, Royal Festival Hall, South Bank, SE1: 7.30.

Recital by Moyra Montagu (oboe) and Richard Hobson (organ): Grosvenor Chapel, South Audley Street, W1: 1.05.

Recital by students from Royal Academy of Music: Southwark Cathedral, SE1: 1.10.

Concert by Endellion String Quartet: Bishopsgate Hall, 230 Bishopsgate, EC2: 1.05.

Piano recital by Jonathan Plowright: Purcell Room, South Bank, SE1: 7.30

Organ recital by David Hill: Westminster Cathedral, Victoria Street, SW1: 7.30.

Concert by The Academic Chamber Choir of Belgrade: Church of St Anne and St Agnes, Noble Street, EC2: 7.30

Talks

Bacteria which grow on your teeth, by Dr Helen D Donoghue: Darwin Theatre, University College, Gower St, WC1: 1.20.

The Lindisfarne Gospels: Seminar Room, British Library, Great Russell Street, WC1; 11 and 2.

Women artists in the Tate by Pauline Barrie: Tate Gallery, Millbank, SW1: 1.

The art of narrative: Botticelli and Pintoricchio by Colin Wiggins: Room 6, National Gallery, Trafalgar Square, WC2; 1.

Modern European Poets: Apollinaire, by Oliver Bernard: National Poetry Centre, 21 Earls Court Square, SW5: 7.30.

Issues old and new: Christian perspectives on contemporary problems — Work, by Rev Dr John Stott: The London Institute, at St Peter's Church, Vere Street, W1: 1.10.

Animal partnerships: National History Museum, Cromwell Road, SW7: 3.

The new design - by Alan Irvine (gallery designer): Meet at Information desk, main entrance, West Wing, National Maritime Museum, Greenwich: 2.15.

Palestine Exploration Fund: The Nabataeans, by Mr P J Parr: 2 Hinde Mews, Marylebone Lane, W1M: 5.30.

James Stirling, by Peter Murray: Royal Academy of Arts, Piccadilly, W1: 1.

General

Oxfam Craft Fair and Patchwork Quilt Exhibition, Smith's Gallery, Covent Garden.

TV top ten

National top ten television programmes in the week ending October 19:

BBC 1

1 EastEnders (Thurs/Sun) 22.40m
2 EastEnders (Tues/Sun) 21.45m
3 Twenty Years of the Two Ronnies 15.00m
4 Howards Way 12.85m
5 Crimewatch Uk 12.65m
6 News and Weather (Sun 20.51) 12.55m
7 The Russ Abbot Show 12.40m
8 Brush Strokes 11.90m
9 No Place Like Home 11.10m
10 Every Second Counts 10.90m

ITV

1 Coronation Street (Mon) Granada 16.85m
2 Coronation Street (Wed) Granada 16.20m
3 Blind Date Lwt 14.50m
4 This Is Your Life Thames 13.05m
5 The A-team ITV 12.40m
6 Bullseye Central 12.15
7 Crossroads (Tues) Central 12.00m
8 Emmerdale Farm (Tues) Yorkshire 11.70m
9 The Krypton Factor Granada 11.65m
10 Dempsey and Makepeace Lwt 11.55m

BBC2

1 Fawlty Towers 9.10m
2 The Life and Loves of A She Devil 8.0
3 Naked Video 6.90m
4 International Snooker (Sun 16:29) 6.25m
5 M A S H 5.90m
6 Alas Smith and Jones 5.90m
7 International Hockey (Sun 14.55) 5.70m
8 Looking For Mr. Goodbar 5.40m
9 International Snooker (Sun 21:44) 4.30m
10 The Trouble With Sex 4.20m

Channel 4

1 Brookside (Mon/Sat) 6.80m
2 Brookside (Tues/Sat) 5.85m
3 Kiss Me Goodbye 4.60m
4 The Cosby Show 3.75m
5 St. Elsewhere 3.65m
6 Saturday Almost Live 3.35m
7 Golden Girls 3.15m
8 Wildscreen '86 Awards 3.00m
9 American Football 2.95m
10 Hill Street Blues 2.85m

Breakfast television: The average weekly figures for audiences at peak times (with figures in parentheses showing the reach - the number of people who viewed for at least three minutes):

BBC1: *Breakfast Time*: Mon to Fri 1.5 (7.9)
TV-am: *Good Morning Britain* Mon to Fri 2.4 (10.0) Sat 2.6 (6.8) Sun 2.2

Broadcasters' Audience Research Board.

The pound

	Bank Buys	Bank Sells
Australia $	2.27	2.15
Austria Sch	21.20	20.00
Belgium Fr	62.70	59.10
Canada $	2.025	1.935
Denmark Kr	11.25	10.66
Finland Mkk	7.42	6.92
France Fr	9.75	9.25
Germany Dm	3.00	2.83
Greece Dr	215.00	193.00
Hong Kong $	11.31	10.81
Ireland Pt	1.104	1.044
Italy Lira	2075.00	1955.00
Japan Yen	238.00	224.00
Netherlands Gld	3.39	3.20
Norway Kr	10.96	10.36
Portugal Esc	219.00	207.00
South Africa Rd	4.05	3.45
Spain Pta	198.00	188.00
Sweden Kr	10.27	9.72
Switzerland Fr	2.48	2.34
USA $	1.47	1.40
Yugoslavia Dnr	750.00	650.00

Rates for small denomination bank notes only as supplied by Barclays Bank PLC. Different rates apply to travellers' cheques and other foreign currency business.

Retail Price Index: 387.8

London: The *FT* Index closed 6.2 up at 1,257.8

Roads

London and South-east: A3: Water main repairs at junction with Stag Lane, one lane only in both directions. Kingston: New road layout at junctions of Thames Street and Clarence Street, Horsefare Car park closed. **A11:** Reconstruction work in High Street just west of Abbey Lane, westbound lane closed.

Midlands: M1: Contraflow between junctions 27 and 28, slip roads closed both ways. Contraflow between junctions 22 and 23 (A50 Leicester/A512 Loughborough). **M5:** Contraflow between junctions 5 and 6 (Bromsgrove/Droitwich).

Wales and West: M4: Eastbound carriageway closed for repairs between junctions 16 and 17 (Swindon/Chippenham), contraflow westbound. **M5:** Lane closures between junctions 11 and 12, northbound entry slip road closed for resurfacing at junction 14 (Thornbury). **A35:** Lane closures on eastbound carriageway at Upton bypass (Dorset).

Information supplied by AA

Anniversaries

Births: **Cornelius Jansen**, leader or reform in the Roman Catholic Church, was born at Acquoi, Netherlands, 1585.

Deaths: **John Locke**, Oates, Essex, 1704; **David Jones**, writer and painter, author, of *In Parenthesis*, 1974.

The Statue of Liberty was unveiled in New York harbour, 1886. The influenza epidemic in Britain was at its height, 1918. Today is the Feast of the Apostles Saints Jude and Simon.

Parliament today

Commons (2.30): Motion on Deacons (Ordination of Women) Measure.
Lords (2.30): Housing and Planning Bill, third reading. National Health Service (Amendment) Bill, report stage.

Portfolio Gold

Portfolio - how to play

Monday-Saturday record your daily Portfolio total.

Add these together to determine your weekly Portfolio total.

If your total matches the published weekly dividend figure you have won outright or a share of the prize money stated for that week, and must claim your prize as instructed below.

How to claim

Telephone The Times Portfolio claims line 0254-53272 between 10.00 am and 3.30 pm on the day your overall total matches The Times Portfolio Dividend. No claims can be accepted outside these hours.

You must have your card with you when you telephone.

If you are unable to telephone someone else can claim on your behalf but they must have your card and call The Times Portfolio claims line between the stipulated times.

No responsibility can be accepted for failure to contact the claims office for any reason within the stated hours.

The above instructions are applicable to both daily and weekly dividend claims.

Weather

A west to southwest airflow covers the UK

6 am to midnight

London, SE England, East Anglia, Channel Islands: Cloudy with occasional rain, clearing late afternoon; wind W or SW light or moderate; max temp 15C (59F).

Central S, E, central N England, Midlands: Occasional rain clearing during afternoon, with sunny intervals developing; wind W to SW moderate; max temp 14C (57F).

SW, NW England, Wales: Rain soon clearing, followed by sunny intervals and isolated showers; wind SW or W moderate or fresh; max temp 13C (55F).

Lake District, Isle of Man, NE England, Borders, Edinburgh, Dundee, Aberdeen, SW Scotland, Glasgow, Central Highlands, Moray Firth: Sunny intervals and showers: wind SW to W moderate or fresh; max temp 11C (52F).

SEA PASSAGES: S North Sea: Wind SW veering W during evening, fresh or strong; occasional rain or drizzle; visibility moderate with fog patches; sea moderate or rough. **Strait of Dover, English Channel(E):** Wind SW veering W during evening, fresh or strong; occasional rain or drizzle; visibility poor with fog banks becoming good in evening; sea moderate or rough. **St George's Channel, Irish Sea:** Wind SW veering W, fresh or strong; rain then showers; visibility moderate with fog patches becoming good; sea moderate or rough.

Outlook for tomorrow and Thursday: Changeable, with sunny intervals and showers. Near normal temperatures.

Sun rises: 6.46 am. Sun sets: 4.42 pm.
Moon rises 12.18 am. Moon sets 3.18 pm.
New moon: November 2

Lighting-up time

London 5.12 pm to 6.18 am
Bristol 5.21 pm to 6.28 am
Edinburgh 5.12 pm to 6.43 am
Manchester 5.15 pm to 6.32 am
Penzance 5.36 pm to 6.37 am

Yesterday

Temperatures at midday yesterday: c, cloud; f, fair; r, rain; s, sun.

	C	F		C	F	
Belfast	c	14	57	Guernsey	r	13	55
B'mingham	c	14	57	Inverness	c	14	57
Blackpool	c	15	59	Jersey	r	13	55
Bristol	c	14	57	London	r	13	55
Cardiff	r	14	57	M'nchester	c	14	57
Edinburgh	r	15	59	Newcastle	f	15	59
Glasgow	d	13	55	R'nldsway	c	13	55

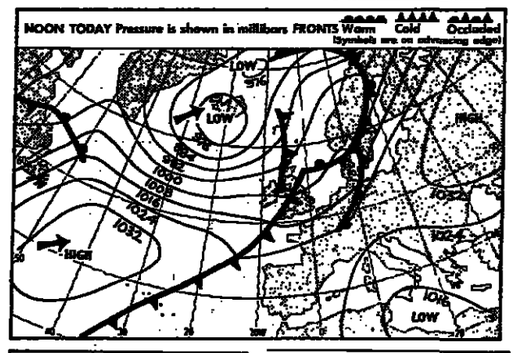
London

Yesterday: Temp: max 5 am to 6 pm, 14C (57F); min 6 pm to 6 am, 9C (48F). Humidity: 6 pm, 84 per cent. Rain: 24hr to 6 pm, 0.1in. Sun: 24 hr to 6 pm, nil. Bar. mean sea level, 6 pm, 1017.4 millibars, steady.
1,000 millibars=29.53in.

Highest and lowest

Yesterday: Highest day temp: Madley, 19C (66F); lowest day max: Lerwick, 11C (52F); highest rainfall: St Bees Head, 1.81 in; highest sunshine: Kinloss, 1.8 hr.

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b-blue sky; bc-blue sky and cloud; c-cloudy; o-overcast; f-fog; d-drizzle; h-hail; mist-mist; r-rain; s-snow; th-thunderstorm; p-showers. Arrows show wind direction, wind speed (mph) circled. Temperature centigrade

High Tides

TODAY	AM	HT	PM	HT
London Bridge	8.56	5.2	9.26	5.6
Aberdeen	9.41	3.4	9.41	3.5
Avonmouth	2.08	8.6	2.51	8.3
Belfast	7.14	2.7	7.17	3.1
Cardiff	1.53	8.1	2.36	8.7
Devonport	12.44	4.1	1.11	4.4
Dover	6.50	5.2	7.27	5.2
Falmouth	12.14	3.9	12.41	4.2
Glasgow	8.05	3.9	8.15	4.1
Harwich	8.45	3.4	7.48	3.8
Holyhead	6.38	4.3	6.49	4.6
Hull	1.34	5.4	2.34	5.5
Ilfracombe	1.37	6.5	2.06	6.9
Leith	10.39	4.4	11.01	4.5
Liverpool	7.14	7.0	7.34	7.5
Lowestoft	4.33	2.1	6.10	2.1
Margate	7.28	3.8	8.18	4.0
Milford Haven	2.08	4.9	2.33	5.3
Newquay	1.07	5.0	1.31	5.4
Oban	2.25	3.0	2.40	3.2
Penzance	12.01	4.1	12.25	4.4
Portland	2.39	1.4	2.25	1.6
Portsmouth	7.19	3.7	7.40	3.7
Shoreham	6.57	4.8	7.28	4.8
Southampton	7.09	3.6	7.20	3.6
Swansea	1.45	6.8	2.18	7.2
Tees			12.03	4.2
Wilton-on-Ntea	6.56	3.2	8.01	3.4

Tide measured in metres: 1m=3.2808ft.

Around Britain

	Sun hrs	Rain in	Max C	Max F	
Scarboro	x	-	12	54	sunny
Bridlington	8.0	-	13	55	sunny
Cromer	7.5	-	11	52	bright
Lowestoft	6.9	-	12	54	sunny
Clacton	8.4	-	12	54	sunny
Margate	x	-	12	54	sunny
Folkestone	7.9	-	13	55	sunny
Hastings	8.4	-	13	55	sunny
Eastbourne	8.4	-	13	55	sunny
Brighton	8.1	-	13	55	sunny
Worthing	8.2	-	14	57	sunny
Littlehampton	8.3	-	14	57	sunny
Bognor R	8.5	-	13	55	sunny
Southsea	8.0	-	14	57	sunny
Shanklin	x				
Bournemth	5.7	-	14	57	sunny
Poole	6.3	-	15	59	bright
Swanage	7.0	.01	14	57	sunny
Weymouth	8.1	-	14	57	sunny
Exmouth	4.6	-	14	57	bright
Torquay	4.0	-	15	59	sunny
Falmouth	5.9	.04	15	59	bright
Guernsey	6.0	.05	15	59	sunny
Scilly Isles	7.3	x	15	59	sunny
Newquay	6.0	.05	15	59	sunny
Ilfracombe	x	.04	13	55	sunny
Teeby	6.7		14	57	sunny
Morecambe	4.1	.09	11	52	bright
Douglas	3.7	-	13	55	cloudy
London	7.1	-	14	57	sunny
B'haen Airpt	7.3	-	13	55	sunny
Bristol (Cit)	7.5	-	14	57	sunny
Cardiff (Cit)	7.0	-	13	55	sunny
Anglesey	5.8	-	13	55	sunny
B'pool Airpt	5.0	-	13	55	bright
Manchester	7.0	-	12	54	sunny
Nottingham	8.1	-	12	54	sunny
N'cstl-n-Tyne	7.3	-	12	54	rain
Carlisle	6.0	-	12	54	showers
Eskdalemuir	2.9	.01	11	52	rain
Prestwick	3.3	.02	11	52	rain
Glasgow	3.0		11	52	rain
Tiree	1.3	.07	12	54	rain
Belfast	2.0	.02	13	55	cloudy

Abroad

MIDDAY: c, cloud; d, drizzle; f, fair; fg, fog; r, rain; s, sun; sn, snow; t, thunder.

	C	F		C	F	
Ajaccio	f	17	63	Cologne	f	12	54
Alcudia	s	24	75	C'phagn	c	10	50
Alex'dria	f	25	77	Corfu	s	21	70
Algiers	c	21	70	Dublin	r	16	61
Amst'dam	s	12	54	Dubrovnik	r	13	55
Athens	r	19	66	Faro	s	24	75
Bahrain	f	31	88	Florence	f	16	61
Barbados	f	28	82	Frankfort	s	11	52
Barcelna	s	18	64	Funchal	f	21	70
Beirut				Geneva	s	8	48
Belgrade	r	9	48	Gibraltar	f	21	70
Berlin	s	12	54	Helsinki	c	5	41
Bermuda	s	23	73	Hong K'	f	27	81
Biarritz	f	15	59	Innsbruck	f	8	46
Bordx	f	14	57	Istanbul	f	19	66
Bou'ne	r	11	52	Jeddah	s	35	95
Brussels	s	12	54	Jo'burg			
Budapst	r	8	46	Karachi	s	32	90
B Aires	s	24	75	L Palmas	s	23	73
Cairo	f	27	81	Lisbon	s	19	66
Cape Tn	s	17	63	Locarno	s	16	61
C'blanca	s	21	70	L Angels	f	25	77
Chicago	c	14	57	Luxembg	s	7	45
				Madrid	s	16	61
Majorca	f	20	68	Rome	s	17	63
Malaga	s	22	72	Salzburg	r	4	39
Malta	f	19	66	S Franco	s	19	66
Melb'rne	c	15	59	Santiago	s	19	66
Mexico C	s	21	70	S Paulo	c	21	70
Miami	s	29	84	Seoul	f	13	55
Milan	s	16	61	Sing'por	f	29	84
Montreal	f	11	52	Stockhlm	c	9	48
Moscow	s	6	43	Strasbrg	s	11	52
Munich	f	8	46	Sydney	c	19	66
Nairobi	f	26	79	Tangier	s	23	73
Naples	f	15	59	Tel Aviv			
N Delhi	s	29	84	Tenerife	s	24	75
N York	r	11	52	Tokyo	c	16	61
Nice	s	19	66	Toronto	r	11	52
Oslo	c	5	41	Tunis	r	18	64
Paris	f	10	50	Valencia	s	19	66
Peking	c	9	48	Vanc'ver	c	15	59
Perth	c	18	64	Venice	f	14	57
Prague	c	8	46	Vienna	r	7	45
Reykjvik	r	3	37	Warsaw	r	9	48
Rhodes	s	25	77	Wash'ton	d	16	61
Rio de J	s	22	72	Wel'ton			
Riyadh	s	32	90	Zurich	s	8	46

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STOCK MARKET

FT 30 Share
1257.8 (+6.2)

FT-SE 100
1586.2 (+9.1)

Bargains
n/a (25605)

USM (Datastream)
125.28 (+0.12)

THE POUND

US Dollar
1.4075 (–0.0055)

W German mark
2.8822 (+0.0117)

Trade-weighted
67.8 (–0.1)

'Tidal wave' overwhelms new-technology Stock Exchange

Big Bang shambles as computer breaks down

By Michael Clark and Richard Thomson

The Big Bang, the biggest event in the City of London's recent history, turned into a shambles yesterday when the Stock Exchange's computer system, on which the new market is based, went out of action even before trading started.

The collapse of the Topic network at 8.30am meant many dealers could not update their prices in time for the 9 am opening. The system did not come into action until 10am, leaving market-makers dealing "blind" — relying on quotations by telephone.

Sir Nicholas Goodison, chairman of the Stock Exchange Council, said: "The fact that the system worked at all this morning was a triumph." Topic had been overloaded by a "tidal wave" of page requests.

The Stock Exchange Automated Quotations system (SEAQ), which handles price updating by market-makers, had to close until Topic was restored. Market-makers were angry.

"It was not a triumph by a long chalk," said one trader. "As far as we are concerned, there was no other fault than at the Stock Exchange. It is time they stopped being complacent about the situation. This failure is likely to happen tomorrow and the day after, and so on, because everyone relies on Topic screens to find out prices."

The gilt-edged market was quiet with insufficient turnover to put the system under strain. The Bank of England, which is responsible for gilts, said it was satisfied with the way the day's trading had gone.

The Stock Exchange settlements system worked satisfactorily, but there was a power failure at NMW, an independent company providing settlement facilities for more than 100 member firms.

It was estimated that by 4pm a record 3 million page requests had been made on Topic. There was also a total of 22,300 trades reported among the alpha and beta stocks.

The breakdown and the subsequent delays were good news for traditonalists like Smith New Court which is maintaining a strong presence on the floor of the Exchange as a market-maker. As soon as the Topic and SEAQ systems closed down, the floor was flooded by dealers trying to execute orders through the traditional method.

One dealer, frustrated by the SEAQ system, complained: "If I can find what I think is the right price on the floor, I am prepared to deal."



Mr George Hayter, director of SE information services, behind the Topic terminal which went wrong

Goodison blames Topic subscribers' curiosity

By Michael Clark

Yesterday's disastrous debut for the Stock Exchange Automated Quotations System was a prime example of Murphy's Law: "If something can go wrong, it will".

But the problems encountered by dealers on the trading floor stemmed from technical problems at Topic, the Stock Exchange's own tried-and-trusted screen-based information system.

Topic went off the air at 8.30am — a crucial time for traders hoping to establish the price of stocks ahead of the official start of dealings at 9am — and stayed down for more than an hour, apart from one intermission. The break also resulted in all operations on SEAQ being suspended for the same period.

Stock Exchange officials blamed a breakdown in the link between Topic and SEAQ. Market-makers feed their prices into the SEAQ computer which are then updated and displayed on the 10,000 Topic terminals situated in the City offices of brokers and fund managers.

Sir Nicholas Goodison, chairman of the Stock Exchange Council, described



Sir Nicholas: Topic system is becoming antiquated

Topic as the world's eyes on the market and said although it had enjoyed a high level of reliability, it was six years old and considered fairly antiquated by today's standards.

A Stock Exchange spokesman quickly blamed curiosity for the failure: "The system cannot handle all the Topic sets being used at the same time."

Topic was operating at maximum capacity yesterday, receiving 12,000 page requests a minute, or 200 per second. Sir Nicholas said the system had suffered a small setback which had been put right. He said Topic had been overwhelmed by the number of page changes which, normally, it would not have to cope with. Most of it was simply curiosity by subscribers.

"If you want to put a monkey, or a dodo in a zoo, everyone will want to look at it on the first day," he said.

But it is still possible the breakdown could happen again. SEAQ encourages dealers and fund managers to use its screens more and a sudden surge of business may overload Topic.

The Stock Exchange's technical officers say there are only few adjustments that can be made to Topic. One may be to introduce an automatically triggered queuing system which limits the number of subscribers using the system at any one time. But many dealers fear this could lose them business.

Meanwhile, there were still complaints from market-makers about the time it took for a price change to appear on Topic after dealing. There were reports of delays up to one hour. Sir Nicholas said these would be checked but still blamed market-makers' own internal systems for the delay.



The new-technology trading begins

Coalite bid goes ahead

Hargreaves Group, the fuel distribution group, has ended its resistance to the £99 million bid from Coalite Group, after it discovered a £2.8 million stock loss at its Belgian coal trading operation (Alison Eadie writes).

The board of Hargreaves yesterday recommended Coalite's offer.

Hargreaves has owned 100 per cent of the Belgian operation since March. Hargreaves may close the operation, which would mean closure costs estimated at £2 million.

Directors of Hargreaves and Coalite met yesterday and the Hargreaves' directors assured Coalite that the group's other operations were trading satisfactorily.

Hargreaves' share price closed 5p lower at 265p. This was 5p below the cash offer and 8p below the share and cash offer.

Lonrho in US oil venture

Lonrho, the international trading company led by Mr "Tiny" Rowland, has formed a joint venture with Mr Robert Anderson, former chairman of Atlantic Richfield, the American oil company, to produce oil and gas in the United States.

The venture has negotiated to buy oil and gas properties in the Mid-West and Rocky Mountain areas for $180 million (£128 million).

Apex deadline

Apex Group, the New Zealand developer, will announce its intentions over Property Holding and Investment Trust today. A higher offer at 180p is expected. Its tender offer of 160p cash per share for 29 per cent of Phit closed yesterday. Tempus, page 24

Lucas sale

Underwoods Cash Chemists has paid £1.22 million for P B Lucas, trading as Seefelds Dispensing Chemists in Earls Court, London. It intends to open an Underwoods store there

Agency float

Fletcher King is expected to be the next commercial estate agent to come to the stock market after the successful debut of Baker Harris Saunders Group, the first to do so.

Sumit grows

Sumit, the group specializing in providing development capital for management buy-outs, is seeking a full Stock Exchange listing to raise new capital for further investment.

Appleyard bid

Appleyard Group has received an approach over a possible bid and is consulting its financial advisers.

Option trading halted

By Lawrence Lever

Trading in the FT-SE traded option was suspended for about an hour at the start of dealings yesterday because of the computer breakdown.

Mr Bernard Reed, manager of the Stock Exchange's Options Group, said: "Without adequate information to work out the index, we could not calculate the prices for the index option."

Trading continued, however, in all the stock options, with the prices of the options displayed on the Stock Exchange floor on its own self-contained computer system for the options market.

Some fund managers away from the floor did not have the stock options pages on their Topic screens for at least two hours in the morning. This inhibited rather than prevented dealings.

The overall level of trading on the options market, at 18,000 contracts, was below the daily average achieved so far this month of 25,000-27,000 contracts.

Dealers said this was in part due to the Topic breakdown but also because everyone was taking time to get used to the new SEAQ system.

New screens 'fail to catch full deals'

By Richard Thomson, Banking Correspondent

There were already signs that the new screen-based dealing system ushered into the City yesterday was not being regarded with total confidence by traders, and not just because of technological breakdowns.

"There are two levels of market at the moment," said Mr Trevor Pullen, head of equity investment for the Prudential Assurance, the stock market's biggest customer. "The real market is off the screens."

He explained that traders were generally only putting up prices in small amounts, most commonly in 1,000 shares bid and offered, on their dealing screens. But these dealers were really interested in dealing in far larger amounts which could only be ascertained by telephone.

Some dealers believed that market-makers were posting small amounts on their screens as a defensive move in case their prices were not in line with the market.

"The Stock Exchange Automated Quotations system is not much help in giving an accurate picture of the market, but it is useful as a guide," said Mr Pullen.

"We saw one market-maker with a dealing size of 1,000 on his screen but we knew he was actually bidding for 100,000 of the stock at that price. At the moment, if you have large amounts to deal in, you do it over the phone — and that is the price the market will then trade off. Only small amounts are dealt on the screens."

He added: "The Stock Exchange should set the minimum quotation limit at something like 10,000 shares. There would certainly be fewer market-makers because at the moment many of the screen prices are just free advertising for some market-makers who have no intention of dealing in large amounts."

Dealers said yesterday that because much of the serious market-making was going on over the telephone, backwardations were appearing on screens because the screen prices mattered less.

Dealers said that equity market spreads between bid and offered prices had changed little, but in the gilt-edged market they had shrunk significantly. Under the old system, gilt dealing spreads had been around $\frac{3}{8}$ to $\frac{1}{4}$; they were now between $\frac{1}{16}$ and $\frac{1}{8}$ for the more popular stocks.

Mr Ken Sinclair, head of gilt-edged trading at Barclays de Zoete Wedd, said that around 40 per cent of the market-makers' morning trading in gilts had been through the IDBs. He said that some gilts market makers were playing complicated games through the IDB system to test their competitors and that this was likely to become a feature of the new markets.

Shell UK to shed 700 jobs

By Our Business Correspondent

Heavy job losses were announced yesterday in the oil industry and by Automotive Products, the car parts group.

A total of 700 jobs will go over the next three years at Shell UK's Stanlow oil refinery in Cheshire. The workforce of 2,400 will be reduced through voluntary redundancy and natural wastage as part of plans for the further restructuring of the organization and modernization

Most of the job losses will be at management and supervisory level. There have already been 1,000 job losses at Stanlow since March last year, when Shell said the refinery was too costly to operate.

At Automotive Products, a subsidiary of BBA Group, the fast-growing engineering and industrial textiles group, falling car part sales will mean the loss of 500 jobs by the end of the year, on top of 500 redundancies so far in 1986.

BBA said the contraction of the British motor industry had obliged it to accelerate rationalization measures. The company initially told its workforce earlier this month that only a further 320 jobs would disappear.

Automotive Products, in Leamington Spa, Warwickshire, said the job losses would mainly affect indirect production workers such as fork-truck drivers and machine setters. They would be achieved through voluntary redundancies.

Maxwell buys shares in Norton Opax

Mr Robert Maxwell, publisher of the *Daily Mirror*, yesterday intrigued the market by announcing he had acquired 50,000 shares in Norton Opax, the printing and publishing company bidding for McCorquodale.

Mr Maxwell last week assented his 10.85 per cent stake in McCorquodale to Opax, after McCorquodale refused to welcome him as a 25 per cent shareholder.

Broackes set to join Eurotunnel

By Teresa Poole, Business Correspondent

Sir Nigel Broackes, chairman of Trafalgar House, is to join the board of Eurotunnel as a non-executive director if the consortium's £206 million international share placing is successfully completed by the deadline of 2pm tomorrow.

Last-minute efforts continued yesterday to raise the money and the Anglo-French partnership remained optimistic that the £10 million shortfall from British institutions would be found.

Eurotunnel denied there were plans to replace its financial advisers but said that a full post mortem would be held after tomorrow. "Quite clearly we would like to see if there are any lessons to be learned," a spokesman said.

There is now concern that some previously favourable institutions, particularly in the United States, may be frightened off by the difficulties that Eurotunnel has had raising finance in its home market.

Despite the support of some important institutions, including the Prudential, British investors have failed to put up the £70 million that was wanted from this country.

Eurotunnel will hold a full review of the financing plans in the light of a far more ambitious international £748 million public share offer next year which was planned to be at a 42 per cent premium to the placing price.

Sir Nigel, whose rival scheme for a cross-Channel link was turned down, is joining the board in a private capacity. There are no plans at present for Trafalgar to take a stake in the consortium or to become a partner, and there have been no promises of construction work.

Sir Nigel has always been a strong supporter of a fixed link and his involvement at this stage, at the invitation of Eurotunnel's joint chairman Lord Pennock, is bound to improve the credibility of the scheme.

More home loan rises

By Peter Gartland

In the continuing round of mortgage rate rises, the Bristol & West and Britannia building societies announced increases yesterday, as did the Royal Bank of Scotland.

Both the Bristol & West and Britannia are increasing their rates by 1.25 per cent to 12.25 per cent from 1 November. Britannia say that where the mortgage deed stipulates one month's notice, the increased rate will apply from 1 December, but the higher rate will apply immediately to new mortgages.

The Royal Bank of Scotland is also increasing its mortgage interest rate from 11 per cent to 12.25 per cent (APR 13 per cent), to take effect from 17 November. The rises from the Royal Bank of Scotland apply to endowment and pension mortgages as well as to repayment mortgages.

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MARKET SUMMARY

STOCK MARKETS

New York
Dow Jones ..... 1827.90 (–4.36)*
Tokyo
Nikkei Dow ..... 16157.80 (–120.20)
Hong Kong:
Hang Seng ..... 2343.66 (+57.59)
Amsterdam: Gen ..... 273.2 (+0.5)
Sydney: AO ..... 1346.8 (–15.5)
Frankfurt:
Commerzbank ..... 1972.3 (+3.9)
Brussels:
General ..... 3856.64 (+16.43)
Paris: CAC ..... 380.2 (–2.9)
Zurich:
SKA General ..... n/a

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INTEREST RATES

London:
Bank Base: 11%
3-month Interbank 11⅝-11¼%
3-month eligible bills:10⅜-10⅞% buying rate
US:
Prime Rate 7½%
Federal Funds 6 13/16%*
3-month Treasury Bills 5.20-5.18%*
30-year bonds 94 30/32-94 31/32%*

CURRENCIES

London:	New York:
£: $1.4075	$: £1.4070*
£: DM2.8822	$: DM2.0465*
£: SwFr2.3828	$: SwFr1.6925*
£: FFr9.4100	$: FFr6.6850*
£: Yen226.03	$: Yen160.65*
£: Index:57.8	$: Index:111.5
ECU £0.727702	SDR £0.848950

MAIN PRICE CHANGES

RISES:

Allied Lyons	304p (+11p)
BP	657p (+11p)
Tate & Lyle	556p (+13p)
Wolseley	563p (+12p)
Helical Bar	340p (+17p)
Appleyard	190p (+35p)
Burtonwood	620p (+15p)
Scottish & Newc.	207p (+17p)
K Brooks	254p (+17p)
Central TV	384p (+20p)
Southend Stadium	208p (+11p)
Ayer Hitam	160p (+20p)
Platon Int.	170p (+20p)
Pearson Group	573p (+25p)
Mercury Int.	370p (+10p)
Cable & Wireless	328p (+14p)
App. Holographics	313p (+28p)

FALLS:

Lucas	452p (–26p)
Carclo Eng. Group	450p (–30p)
Electrocomponents	374p (–14p)
Conroy Pet.	263p (–15p)

GOLD

London Fixing:
AM $409.60 pm-$409.75
close $410.75-411.25 (£291.25-291.75)
New York:
Comex $410.20-410.70*

NORTH SEA OIL

Brent (Dec.) ..... n/a ($14.45bbl)
* Denotes latest trading price



Shake-up on way at Lilley after £24m half-time loss

By Alexandra Jackson

Significant management changes are expected at FJC Lilley, the Glasgow construction group, after pretax losses of £24.5 million for the six months to July 31. In the first half of last year, Lilley made a pretax profit of £4.7 million.

Last week, the announcement of the interim results was postponed. Speculation that the group was in difficulties followed and the shares were suspended on Friday morning. They regained their listing yesterday.

The interim statement detailing the problems besetting the group concludes that "the interests of the group would be best served by the full-time attention of an executive chairman. This and further main board appointments will be made at an early date."

Surprisingly, the directors of the group were unprepared to talk to City commentators yesterday, saying they had been advised that the statement provided adequate information.

Some sources suggested that Lilley was nervous about talking to analysts, many of whom may now be acting in a new dual-capacity function and would therefore be closely associated with market-makers. Given the circumstances, they may have been concerned that this would have been particularly damaging to the share price.

The interim results show Lilley trading profitably in Britain, making an interim pretax profit of £3.5 million. However, overseas contracting lost £15 million, necessitating further provision of £13 million. Losses and provisions were declared after a comprehensive worldwide review of the group's big contracts.

Turnover for the first six months of 1986-87 rose from £160.5 million to £175.2 million. No interim dividend was paid.

The directors expect the second half of the year to be profitable. They also hopethat during 1987 monies will be recovered and claims awarded.

A $30 million (£21.3 million) syndicated term loan facility, arranged earlier this year by a consortium of bankers, is still in place

Profits leap at Burgess

By John Bell
City Editor

Burgess Products, the microswitch manufacturer which has been revamped by its new chairman, Mr Robert Morton, yesterday reported a sharp rise in profits for the year to August 2.

On turnover only modestly higher, pretax profits rose from £1.892 million to £3.132 million, while earnings per share increased by 46 per cent to 15.6p.

Shareholders are to receive a final dividend of 2p per share making a total for the year of 2.5 p. Last year, a total dividend of 2p was paid.

Mr Morton, who bought a 16 per cent shareholding in Burgess early last year, said yesterday that the main restructuring of the company had now been completed and that a programme of expansion by acquisition was under way. With the sale of the acoustics engineering interests, the last of the remaining lossmaking activities had been eliminated.

Prospects for growth in the current year were encourging with all operating subsidiaries having healthy order books.

EEC gets tough over trade barriers

Tokyo warned on drinks tariffs

From Richard Owen
Luxemburg

As a team of executives from the European and American wine and spirits industries prepares to fly to Tokyo this week, EEC foreign ministers yesterday gave warning that Japanese trade barriers against Scotch whisky and other European alcoholic beverages would lead to retaliation against Tokyo by the EEC.

After talks with Mr Willy de Clercq, the Commissioner for External Relations and Trade, the ministers approved a Commission proposal for referring Japanese protectionist practices to Gatt, the General Agreement on Tariffs and Trade. But the EEC statement gave no details of threatened "additional measures" and it is likely to be seen by the Japanese as yet another protest.

The Scotch Whisky Association has long complained bitterly against high Japanese tariffs, and its cause had been taken up by the Commission. Yesterday, the ministers, at a meeting chaired by Sir Geoffrey Howe, the Foreign Secretary, said that if Gatt confirmed that Japanese tariffs were discriminatory, yet Tokyo took no action within 30 days, the EEC would have no option but to act.

A statement said the Council of Ministers would monitor Japanese exports to Europe "vigilantly."

Mr Alan Clark, Minister for Trade, urged Britain's Community partners to set a strict deadline for Japan to reach a satisfactory solution.

Reshuffle at Royal Ordnance

A reorganization of the management structure of Royal Ordnance was announced yesterday to take place early next year, coinciding with its planned privatization.

The present structure of four operating divisions is being reduced to two: naval, air and engineering division and land weapons division.

The restructuring is designed to make the business more marketing and customer-oriented and will also put all the research and development activities under central control.

No factory closures or job losses are said to be expected.

EEC blames school leavers for rise in unemployment

Luxemburg (Reuter) — Unemployment in the European Economic Community rose by 179,000 last month, according to statistics published yesterday.

But EEC officials said this did not indicate a new rise in the jobless trend because school leavers in many member states first come to the unemployment register in September.

Figures from Eurostat, the EEC statistics office, showed almost 15.8 million people out of work last month — 8.73 million men and 7.05 million women — compared with just over 15.6 million in August.

Unemployment rates

	Sept 85	Aug 86	Sept 85
West Germany	7.5	7.8	7.9
France	10.8	10.2	10.4
Italy	13.3	13.3	12.8
Netherlands	12.3	12.4	13.2
Belgium	12.9	12.9	13.8
Luxembourg	1.4	1.3	1.6
Britain	12.2	12.0	12.3
Ireland	18.1	18.6	17.9
Denmark	6.8	6.9	7.8

Eurostat's report showed unemployment to be 0.7 per cent higher than in September 1985, after a year-on-year rise of 1.3 per cent for August.

The under-25 group formed much of the increase between August and September, but unemployment in this area was 1.5 per cent below the 1985 level.

Eurostat gave no separate figures for Spain or Portugal because their unemployment rates are not calculated in the same way as those of other members. There were also no detailed figures for Greece.

UK petrol launched by Kuwait

By Teresa Poole
Business Correspondent

Kuwait's state-owned oil company yesterday entered the British petrol market with the first major new international petroleum products brand to be introduced in this country for 17 years.

The "Q8" brand of petrol, lubricants, and oil products has gone on sale at 30 petrol stations in the South-west and South Yorkshire.

The network will be quickly extended through the acquisition of Hays Petroleum Services which distributes petroleum products to about 800 independent stations in Britain, accounting for about 1 per cent of the market by volume.

Hays Petroleum Services is a division of the Hays Group which is wholly owned by the Kuwait Investment Office.

The introduction of the "Q8" range into Britain follows its successful launch in six other European countries.

Kuwait Petroleum International, the subsidiary of Kuwait Petroleum Corporation responsible for marketing and refining outside Kuwait, began its European operations in 1983 with the purchase of Gulf Oil's refining and marketing operations in the Netherlands, Belgium, Luxemburg and Denmark.

Rather than use the Gulf name it decided to develop a range of products under the new brand. KPI will now seek to take a share of the British petrol market through a programme of acquisitions of petrol stations and fuel oil distributors.

Mr Ralph Brown, director of marketing at KPI, said: "It is a logical first step. Our strategy has always been that there is not much point just selling crude oil and products but to move into the added value end and actually get involved in the retail market."

WALL STREET

Early selling hits Dow

New York (Reuter) — Wall Street shares retreated early yesterday as some selling programmes hit the already wobbly market.

Traders said that investors were nervous about the economy and the direction of interest rates as well as this week's Treasury auctions.

The Dow Jones industrial average fell 8.16 points to 1,824.10. Declines led advances by a two-to-one margin on a volume of 29 million shares.

	Oct 24	Oct 23
AMR	58¾	60¼
ASA	35¾	35¾
Allied Signal	40⅛	40¼
Allied Stre	66⅛	66⅞
Allis Chalmers	2⅞	3
Alcoa	35⅞	36⅛
Amax Inc	13⅜	13⅝
Amerada Hs	26⅝	26⅝
Am Brands	44⅜	44⅞
Am Can	65	65¼
Am Cyanamid	76⅛	76⅝
Am El Pwr	28⅝	28⅝
Am Express	56⅝	57⅜
Am Home	74⅛	75⅛
Am Motors	3⅛	3⅛
Am Stnrd	42⅜	42⅞
Am Teleph	23⅞	23⅞
Amoco	63⅞	64⅛
Armco Steel	6⅛	6⅛
Asarco	14⅜	14⅞
Ashland Oil	57⅛	57⅜
At Richfield	55⅛	56
Avon Prods	33⅞	33⅞
Blurs Tst NY	44⅜	44⅜
Bankamer	13⅝	13⅝
Bk of Boston	40⅛	40
Bank of NY	58⅜	58⅝
Beth Steel	6⅝	6⅝
Boeing	56⅛	55⅞
Boe Cascade	59⅛	59⅜
Brown	45⅝	46⅛
Bg Warner	38⅛	38¼
Brist Myers	77⅝	78⅛
BP	37⅝	38⅛
Burlton Ind	36	36⅝
Burlton Nth	61	61⅛
Burroughs	74	73⅞
Cmpbell Sp	61⅝	62⅝
Can Pacific	11⅛	11
Caterpillar	36⅞	37
Celanese	212	213
Central SW	34⅛	34
Champion	28⅛	29⅛
Chase Man	36⅛	36⅛
Chm Bk NY	43⅛	43⅝
Chevron	41⅝	42⅛
Chrysler	37⅛	37⅛
Coscorp	49⅝	49⅞
Clark Equip	19⅛	19⅛
Coca Cola	37⅞	38⅛
Colgate	38⅝	39⅛
CBS	132	130
Colmbia Gas	45	45⅜
Cmb In Eng	30⅜	30⅛
Commwlth Ed	35⅛	35⅛
Cons Edis	45	45⅛
Cn Nat Gas	31⅛	31⅛
Cons Power	14⅝	13⅝
Cntrl Data	25⅝	25⅛
Corning Gl	52⅜	52⅝
CPC Intl	76⅛	73
Crane	29⅝	29⅝
Crn Zeller	50	50⅜
Dart & Kraft	55⅛	55⅛
Deere	24	24⅛
Delta Air	49⅞	50⅛
Detroit Ed	17⅝	17⅝
Digital Eq	98⅛	98⅞
Disney	43	43⅛
Dow Chem	53⅝	53⅞
Dresser Ind	18⅛	18⅛
Duke Power	44⅜	44⅛
Du Pont	81⅜	80⅞
Eastern Air	9⅜	9⅛
Estm Kodak	58⅞	58⅝
Eaton Corp	71⅛	72⅜
Emerson El	81⅛	82⅜
Exxon Corp	68⅛	68⅝
Fed Dpt Str	93⅝	94
Firestone	25⅞	26⅛
First Chicago	23⅞	24⅛
First Intrstate	54⅛	54⅛
First Penn C	9⅜	10⅛
Ford	64⅛	64⅛
FT Wachvia	39⅜	39⅝
GAF Corp	24⅛	24⅛
GTE Corp	53⅛	53⅝
Gen Corp	37⅛	37⅛
Gen Dynmcs	71⅛	71⅞
Gen Electric	76⅛	76⅝
Gen Foods	78⅛	78⅛
Gen Mills	82⅛	82
Gen Motors	69⅛	69⅛
Gn Pb Utility	19⅛	19⅛
Genesco	41	41
Georgia Pac	38⅛	38⅛
Gillette	43⅞	44⅛
Goodrich	42⅞	43⅛
Goodyear	44	44⅛
Gould Inc	19⅛	19⅛
Grace	53⅛	53⅛
Gt Atl & Pac	23⅞	24⅛
Gt Nthrn	33⅞	33⅞
Greyhound	21⅞	21⅞
Grumman Cor	35⅛	35⅛
Gulf & West	65⅛	65⅛
Hanna M.J.	41⅛	42⅛
Hercules	55⅛	54⅝
H mstd-Plrd	35⅛	35⅛
Honeywell	63⅛	63⅛
IC Inds	23⅛	23⅛
Ingersoll	42⅛	42⅛
Inland Steel	18⅛	19⅛
IBM	127⅛	127⅛
INCO	13⅝	13⅝
Int Paper	63⅛	63⅛
Int Tel Tel	53⅛	53⅛
Irving Bank	47⅛	47⅛
Jhnsn & Jhn	69⅝	69⅝
Kaiser Alum	17⅛	17⅛
Kerr McGee	27⅛	27⅛
Kmb N Clrk	79⅛	79⅛
K Mart	47⅛	47⅛
Kroger	30⅝	30⅛
L T V Corp	7⅛	7⅛
Litton	75⅛	75⅛
Lockheed	44⅛	44⅛
Lucky Strs	35⅛	35⅛
Man H nvor	44	44
Manvlle Cp	25⅛	25⅛
Mapco	53⅛	54⅛
Marine Mid	49⅛	49⅛
Mrt Marietta	39⅝	39⅝
Masco	28⅝	28⅝
McDonalds	60⅛	60⅛
McDonnell	79⅛	79⅛
Mead	59⅛	59
Merck	109⅛	109⅛
Minsta Mng	108⅛	108⅛
Mobil Oil	35⅛	35⅛
Monsanto	73⅛	73
Morgan J P	81⅛	83
Motorola	36⅛	35⅝
NCR Corp	46⅛	46⅛
NL Inssirs	5⅝	5⅝
Nat Distlrs	43⅛	43⅛
Nat Med Ent	24⅛	24⅛
Nat Smcndt	9⅛	9⅛
Norfolk Stn	81⅛	83⅛
NW Bancrp	35⅝	35⅝
Occidnt Pet	29⅛	29⅛
Ogden	42⅛	42⅛
Olin Corp	39⅝	41⅛
Owens-Ill	41⅛	41⅛
Pac Gas El	24⅛	24⅛
Pan Am	5¼	5⅛
Penney J C	76⅛	77⅛
Pennzoil	69⅛	73⅛
Pepsico	27⅛	28⅛

CANADIAN PRICES

Abitbi	24⅛	24⅛
Alcn Alum	44⅛	44⅛
Algoma Stl	14	14⅛
Can Pacific	15⅛	15⅛
Cominco	13⅝	13⅝
Gen Bathurst	24⅛	24⅛
Hlr Sid Can	26⅛	26⅛
Hiram B Mn	24⅛	24⅛
Imasco	33⅛	33⅛
Imperial Oil	44⅛	44⅛
Inco	39⅛	39⅛
Rvl Trustco	30⅛	30⅛
Seagram	84⅛	84⅛
Steel Co	22⅛	22⅛
Thmsn N A	28⅛	28⅛
Varity Corp	2⅞	2⅞
Wstr Hiram	36⅛	36⅛
WCT	13⅛	13⅛



Opec 'to double market share'

Abu Dhabi (Reuter) — A senior Arab oil official predicted that Opec would produce 60 per cent of world oil before the end of this century — double its current market share.

Ali Attiga, the secretary-general of the Organization of Arab Petroleum Exporting Countries, Oapec, told the *al-Ittihad* newspaper in an interview published yesterday this could lead to the early depletion of Opec oil reserves.

"At the same time that I admit the necessity of preserving a suitable share for Opec in the market, I hope increased demand for Opec oil will not force members to produce at full capacity," he said.

He expressed confidence in the future of Opec, the Organization of Petroleum Exporting Countries.

"I believe Opec's strength lies in the fact that its members are keen to preserve it. This can be seen in the current situation when political disputes have reached the stage of war between two members, but they are still meeting and belong to the same organization," he said, referring to Iran and Iraq.

Ali Attiga also called for the strengthening of regional energy organizations such as those in Latin America, Africa and the Arab world, saying they were the key to solving energy problems.

Talks start on new cocoa pact

Lagos (Reuter) — The world's leading cocoa producers began a week-long meeting here yesterday aimed at getting consumer nations to ratify a new international pact which would attempt to stabilize the volatile cocoa market.

"We will be finding ways of putting political and trade pressure on consumers to ratify the new cocoa agreement," Mr Julian Onuoha, the current chairman of the Cocoa Producers Alliance, said.

The CPA comprises Brazil, Cameroun, Ecuador, Gabon, Ghana, Ivory Coast, Mexico, Nigeria, Sao Tome and Principe, Togo and Trinidad and Tobago, and accounts for about 80 per cent of world cocoa output.

Industry sources believe there is little doubt that major importers like the EEC and the Soviet Union, who have completed the first stage of membership and signed the accord, will go on to ratify it.

Seoul foreign debt falls

Seoul (Reuter) — South Korea expects a fall in its annual foreign debt for the first time this year, officials at the Economic Planning Board said yesterday.

Last month foreign debt fell to $46.3 billion (£33 billion), down from its historic high in July of $47.4 billion. "The figure is likely to fall further, to below $46 billion by the end of 1986," one official said.

COMPANY NEWS

● **AUTHORITY INVESTMENTS:** No dividend (same) for the year to April 30. Property and investments: turnover £7.05 million (£2.51 million). Banking services: pretax profit of Knowsley, £26,679 (£1.97 million loss). Group pretax profit £153,564 (£2.6 million loss). Earnings per share 3.10p (51.97p loss).

● **WILLIAM SINCLAIR HOLDINGS:** Year to June 30. Total dividend raised to 6.15p (5.25p) and one-for-five scrip issue proposed. Turnover £24.18 million (£24.44 million). Pretax profit £1.15 million (£1.03 million). Earnings per share 14.3p (24.37p).

● **EL ORO MINING & EXPLORATION:** Six months to June 30. Pretax profit £629,000 (£457,000). Earnings per share 9.06p (6.29p).

● **CLAYTON, SON AND CO (HOLDINGS):** First half of 1986. Interim dividend raised to 2p (1.5p) to reduce the disparity between payments. Turnover £5.12 million (£3.59 million). Pretax profit £108,066 (£36,987 loss). Earnings per share 2.55p (1.57p loss).

● **FROST GROUP:** Save Service Stations, the group's petroleum retailing offshoot, and the Oakstead Group (operators of petroleum retailing sites) have jointly agreed to buy 38 petroleum sites from Petrofina (UK). The cost to the group, including development works, for the 19 sites attributable to it, will be about £4 million.

● **DEAN AND BOWES GROUP:** First half of 1986. Interim dividend 1p, payable Oct. 31. Turnover £1.31 million (£1.08 million). Pretax profit £261,000 (£202,000). Earnings per share 2.7p (2.0p). The board is confident that, on the basis of present trends, 1986 will be another record year.

● **ENGLISH AND INTERNATIONAL TRUST:** Six months to October 5. Interim dividend 1p (same). Pretax revenue £673,000 (£619,000). Earnings per share 2.14p (1.94p).

● **E UPTON AND SONS:** The company is reporting for the 28 weeks to August 12. Turnover £3.01 million (£2.21 million). Trading loss £36,567 (loss £40,755). Loss per share 11p (9p).

● **PHOTAX (LONDON):** Six months to June 30. No interim dividend (nil). Sales £2.57 million (£2.87 million). Pretax loss £161,000 (£47,000 profit). Loss per share 9.49p (0.27p earnings).

● **MATTHEW HALL:** The group has won contracts in new developments and refurbishment projects totalling £22 million. These include work valued at £4.5 million in three shopping centres — Victoria Place, SW1, Elephant and Castle, SE1, and at Wigan, Greater Manchester.

● **DPCE HOLDINGS:** The Belgian offshoot, DPCE SA, has acquired General Computer Service, formerly controlled by Mr L Geenens and based in Antwerp. The price is 31.6 million Belgian francs (£530,000), subject to adjustment.

● **STANLEY MILLER HOLDINGS:** Interim dividend 0.5p (same), payable on Dec.5. Turnover £11.83 million (£12.14 million) for the six months to June 30. Operating profit £80,422 (£47,754). Profit attributable to the company £80,422 (loss £395,334). Earnings per share 1.34p (loss 0.93p).

● **ALLIED LONDON PROPERTIES:** Total dividend lifted to 1.75p (1.4p, adjusted) for the year to June 30. Turnover £14.43 million (£10.85 million). Pretax profit £4.05 million (£3.35 million). Earnings per share 6.59p (5.35p, adjusted).

● **KLARK-TEKNIK:** Total dividend raised to 1.1p (0.6p) for the year to July 31. Turnover £2.96 million (£3.21 million). Pretax profit £907,000 (£1.41 million). Earnings per share 3.9p (5.5p).

● **ENSIGN TRUST:** Total payment 0.9p, adjusted (0.7p, adjusted) for the year to Sept. 30. Interim dividend 0.3p (0.2p, adjusted) for the current year. Total income £7.33 million (£7.09 million). Pretax profit £4.2 million (£1.38 million). Extraordinary debits £1.59 million (£365,000). Earnings per share (before extraordinary items) 1.07p (0.92p adjusted) and after, 0.5p (0.78p adjusted).

● **BASS:** Alexis Lichine, the Bordeaux wine subsidiary, has bought a majority holding in Cognac Otard, for 30 million French francs (£3.2 million).

● **LONRHO:** The company has formed a joint venture for oil and gas production with Mr Robert Anderson, the former chairman of Atlantic Richfield. The main focus of the company will be on production in the US. It has negotiated for a large number of oil and gas-producing properties in the mid-continent and Rocky Mountain areas and the price for these proven and probable reserves, together with other possible production, is about $180 million (£128 million).

● **OVENSTONE INVESTMENTS:** The group is to buy Southern Sea Fishing Enterprises (Pty) for about R11 million (£3.44 million). The price will be financed initially by a loan, pending a rights issue by Ovenstone. Talks are advanced on the disposal of the group's property and construction interests.

● **CONSULTANTS (COMPUTER & FINANCIAL):** Under the agreement for the acquisition of Ultimate Data Systems of the US, the first instalment of the consideration has now been estimated at £248,583. It will be satisfied by the issue of 214,296 ordinary shares (valued at 116p each).

● **BRONX ENGINEERING:** The company has aagreed (subject to shareholders' approval) to acquire the Verson International Group for the issue of 50 million ordinary shares. The new ordinaries compare with the 12.5 million already in issue and would represent 80 per cent of the enlarged capital.

● **BEJAM:** Mr J D Apthorp, the chairman, reports in his annual statement that he is optimistic about the current year. Preliminary figures indicate a worthwhile increase in profits for the September quarter over the same period last year.

● **AYER HITAM TIN DREDGING MALAYSIA:** Year to June 30. Total dividend 80 sen (155 sen). Pretax profit $M4.78 million (£1.28 million), against $M12.08 million. Earnings per share 47 sen (94 sen).

● **ATLAS CONVERTING EQUIPMENT:** Six months to June 30. Turnover £3.78 million (£3.39 million). Pretax profit £569,000 (£357,000). Earnings per share 4.4p (2.5p).

● **BM GROUP:** The group is paying £2.2 million in cash to buy Hymac Excavators, Haulamatic Trucks and Ritemixer Truck Mixers.

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1986: During the first six months, Bayer World turnover declined by 12.2 per cent to DM 21.597 billion, the result mainly of exchange rate fluctuations. Profit before tax rose 0.9 per cent to DM 1.740 billion.

Bayer AG turnover decreased by 3.5 per cent to DM 9.088 billion. Profit before tax rose by 6.0 per cent, reaching DM 880 million.

1985: Turnover Bayer World DM 45.926 billion. Share of sales outside West Germany 80 per cent.

Turnover Bayer AG DM 17.535 billion. Export share 66.5 per cent.

Bayer World capital investment DM 2.058 billion. Share in West Germany: DM 1.074 billion.

After-tax profits for Bayer World DM 1.456 billion, for Bayer AG DM 773 million.

Dividend 1985: DM 10 per share of DM 50 nominal

Total dividend payments. DM 523 million on capital stock of DM 2.613 billion distributed to some 320,000 shareholders

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STOCK MARKET REPORT

Scottish & Newcastle climbs 15p on confirmation of Brierley stake

By Carol Leonard and Cliff Feltham

The realization that life goes on after Big Bang had City brokers breathing a sigh of relief yesterday. After early morning hiccups, which had dealers scurrying to the floor of the Exchange to trade, it was largely business as usual.

One stockbroker commented: "It's been a learning day. But life hasn't changed as much as some people expected."

Trade was generally quiet, with the FT 30 share index closing near its opening level, up 6.2 points at 1,257.8. The broader-based FT-SE 100 index followed a similar pattern, closing up 9.1 at 1,586.2.

Gilts opened as much as £½ lower at the long end, but recovered when Wall Street opened on a firm note to end the day more than £⅛ higher in the longs and unchanged in the shorts.

Among leading equities, Lucas dropped 24p to 454p as Phillips & Drew, the broker, downgraded its profits forecast from £112 million to £98 million. The company's results are out in two weeks' time. Glaxo fell 8p to 912p as a line of 315,000 shares changed hands, while Allied-Lyons gained 7p to 300p, Beecham 4p to 419p and Hawker Siddeley 3p to 412p.

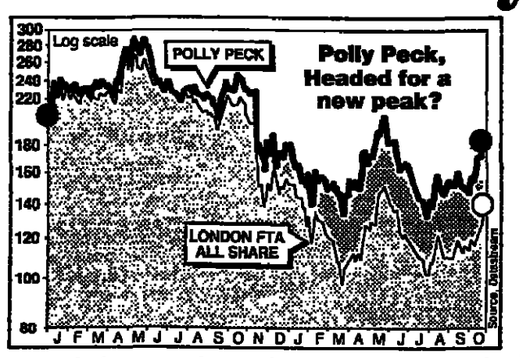
The sleuths at Wood Mackenzie, the broker, have been down at Companies House again, this time checking through the share register of Scottish & Newcastle, the brewer. Their investigation revealed that IEP Securities, Mr Ron Brierley's Hong Kong investment vehicle, does now hold a 2.3 per cent stake in the group. There had been speculation over the weekend that IEP may have a holding.

Mr Brierley bought the 7.2 million shares in Scottish & Newcastle in a £13 million spending spree and is believed to have paid an average of 185p a share. Yesterday, with the shares up 15p at 205p, he was sitting on a £1.4 million profit.

Mr Alick Rankin, the Scottish & Newcastle chief executive, said he saw no reason to get "over-excited" about the build-up by Mr Brierley. He said: "We cannot come to any extreme conclusions at the moment. He tends to build up stakes in many different companies, but, of course, all things are possible. We will keep a close watch on the situation, but we do tend to live in a world where people take strategic holdings on a short-term basis so we will have to wait and see."

The company is seen by the City as being bid-vulnerable, with its hotel division hit by the fall in tourists this year and a question mark hanging over its intentions towards Matthew Brown, where it has a 29.6 per stake following its unsuccessful bid attempt last year.

● Crystalate, the computer parts manufacturer, firmed 2p to 202p as Mrs Sally Thompson, an electronics analyst at Kleinwort Grieveson, tipped them as that sector's cheapest stock. The company has forecast pretax profits of £6.9 million for the year just ended and Kleinwort is looking for £10.5 million in 1987.



Speculation about Hillsdown Holdings' next acquisition continued to add spice to the food sector. The latest talk is it will go for Northern Foods, the shares of which leapt 13p to 285p in response. "Unlikely," says Mr Robert Brand, sector specialist at Wood Mackenzie, "but Northern Foods has been selling off small peripheral businesses recently and it is possible the two companies could be in talks for a deal along these lines."

Elsewhere in the sector, Sainsbury eased a penny to 395p as James Capel, the broker, sold a line of 4 million shares to Smith New Court, the market-maker, at 390p, buying them back in the same deal at 392p for another client. Tate & Lyle climbed 18p to 561p.

The new SEAQ (Stock Exchange Automated Quotations) competitive price service revealed Cable & Wireless, the electronics and communications group, as one of the most heavily traded stocks. The volume traded yesterday touched almost 4 million shares, in tranches of more than 100,000 shares at a time. Robert Fleming, the broker, was said to have been bidding aggressively for the stock after deciding to go long on it. Cable's shares went up 15p to 329p.

One sector expert said: "We're not aware of any other story behind it, apart from continued bullish reactions to

● Some brokers are saying it could again be time to look at the 600 Group, the engineering and machine tool business whose chairman, Sir Jack Wellings, has confirmed his intention to stand down. The new man at the top is to be Mr Jeff Benson, the deputy chairman of the NatWest.

the company's telecommunications contracts in Japan and China."

Elsewhere in the electronics sector, Electrocomponents slipped 14p to 374p as James Capel, the broker, downgraded its profits forecast. Its forecast has been cut from £42 million for the year to March, 1987 to £39 million. Mr Jim Ross, an analyst at James Capel, said: "There's nothing fundamentally wrong with the company, it's just that its price was looking a bit high compared to the rest of the electronic components distribution industry."

Hanson Trust was also heavily traded, with 4.9 million shares changing hands. The shares edged up just half a penny to 195.5p, with some institutions trading on the back of expectations of a multi-billion dollar acquisition in the US.

Polly Peck, the Turkish mineral water to televisions group run by Mr Asil Nadir, capped Friday's 13p rise with another 7p gain to 190p. The shares have sprung to life following the article in this column on Saturday about Mr Richard Lake, the City's leading chartist, who says the shares had been stuck at the 160p level for the past few months, but have now "broken out" and are headed for higher ground. He sees them returning to their May peak of 213p and going higher still in the medium-term. The company is also expected to announce a tie-up with a major blue-chip company soon, to market a new range of consumer products in Turkey.

Sears and Burton were the most actively traded stocks in the stores sector, with 7.2 million Sears shares going through the market, but the high volume did little for the share prices. Sears finished just three-quarters of a penny lower at 131.5p and Burton a couple of pence higher at 270p. Stylo climbed 12p to 220p, but analysts say they know of no particular reason for the rise.

Elsewhere, the sector was mostly a few pennies better where changed. Body Shop, Dixon and Moss Bros, all gained 5p to 670p, 349p and 495p respectively. Boots put on 2p to 228p and Next, which announces its results tomorrow, firmed 1.5p to 250.5p. Harris Queensway went up 2p to 204p, ahead of its results on Thursday.

Rugby Portland Cement edged up 0.25p to 156.5p and could be in for a more substantial boost following a lunch the company had yesterday with Kleinwort Grieveson, the broker. Mr Andrew Melrose, an analyst at Kleinwort, was told that the company's British activities were recovering strongly, mostly due to unit-cost savings. He has now upgraded his profit forecast for 1986 from £31 million to £32.5 million.

The much-talked about bid for Pilkington, the glass group, failed to materialize and the shares, which spurted 15p early on in anticipation, fell back to a 4p gain at 507p.

ALPHA STOCKS

1986 High	Low	Company	Price Bid	Offer		Ch'ge	Gross div pence	Yld %	P/E	Volume traded '000
363	248	Allied-Lyons	298	302		+7	13.6	4.5	13.7	1,200
170	126	ASDA-MFI	166	167	●	+½	4.5	2.7	18.2	2,700
332	237	BTR	278	280	●	-2	9.8	3.5	19.4	547
468	308	BAT	438	440	●	-1	18.4	4.2	11.5	1,200
590	429	Barclays	463	467		+1	28.1	6.0	6.7	431
640	620	Bass	692	698		..	21.7	3.1	14.8	112
443	318	Beecham	418	420		+4	17.1	4.1	17.4	1,600
726	526	Blue Circle	617	620		-4	30.0	4.8	8.8	577
386	277½	BOC	326	328		+1	14.1	4.3	12.4	1,000
289	208	Boots	227	228		+1½	10.1	4.4	14.8	632
608	421	Br Aerospace	435	438	●	-3	23.4	5.4	9.2	..
706	516	Br Petroleum	652	653	●	+6½	48.6	7.4	7.1	1,900
280	177½	Br Telecom	184	185		+½	10.7	5.8	10.8	7,000
210	98	Bristol	128	130		-1	9.3	7.2	3.5	1,200
356	236	Burton	268	270		+1	6.8	2.5	18.8	1,900
369	277	Cable & Wireless	325	329		+13	6.8	2.1	17.9	5,000
198	142	Cadbury Schweppes	186	-	●	+2	8.7	4.7	21.7	1,200
336	228	Com Union	291	293	●	..	17.4	6.0	..	1,300
704	409	Cons Goldfields	648	653	●	+2	35.0	5.4	18.6	494
315	190	Courtaulds	287	288		+2½	9.3	3.2	9.7	524
438	216	Dixons Grp	348	348		+3	4.3	1.2	24.7	302
650	406	Fisons	565	567		+1	8.4	1.5	25.2	104
954	701	Gen Accident	838	842		+6	34.3	4.1	21.1	287
226	158	GEC	164	166		+1	6.1	3.7	10.3	3,900
11¼	755½	Glaxo	910	914		-8	20.0	2.2	16.9	1,700
456	328	Grand Met	439	440		+4½	13.5	3.1	14.7	..
11½	721	GUS 'A	975	980	●	+2	30.0	3.1	12.9	27
954	720	GRE	835	839		+8	42.5	5.1	24.3	..
385	238	GKN	244	245	●	-2½	17.9	7.3	8.2	546
355	275	Guinness	313	315		+6	10.3	3.3	11.9	2,700
201	141	Hanson	194	195		-½	5.7	2.9	17.3	5,900
623	403	Hawker Siddley	410	414		+3	21.4	5.2	9.1	1,000

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11½	734	Imp Chem Ind	10⁹⁄₁₆	-		..	48.6	4.5	12.0	1,400
583	335	Jaguar	508	510	●	+3	12.7	2.5	10.5	537
391	312	Ladbroke	348	350	●	-1	16.8	4.8	16.6	171
348	276	Land Securities	333	334		+6½	14.0	4.2	22.3	977
288	218	Legal & Gen	230	232	●	+3	12.3	5.3	29.4	494
484	293	Lloyds	405	410		-1	25.0	6.1	6.5	231
283	183	Lonhro	232	233		+1½	17.1	7.4	11.5	1,500
231	163	Marks & Spencer	199	201		+5	5.8	2.8	23.9	2,100
589	417	Midland	518	522		-4	37.1	7.1	19.3	673
583	426	Nat West	498	502		+1	27.6	5.5	5.2	368
576	428	P & O Dfrd	495	497	●	+1	25.0	5.0	14.2	245
248	162	Plessey	174	176	●	-1	7.2	4.1	12.9	6,300
942	718	Prudential	765	768	●	+3	38.5	5.0	50.8	371
234	146	Racal Elect	154	188		..	4.3	2.6	17.8	867
900	605	Reckit Colman	770	772		..	23.9	3.1	16.6	24
520	345	Reuters	500	502		+6	5.4	1.1	37.9	315
781	511	RTZ	655	660	●	+8	31.4	4.8	8.7	125
967	762	Royal Ins	843	845		..	38.5	4.6	68.2	272
425	344	Sainsbury (J)	394	-		-2	7.9	2.0	22.9	8,200
148½	102	Sears	131	131½	●	-¾	5.0	3.8	16.9	7,200
415	321	Sedgwick Gp	360	363		+6	17.1 b	4.7	17.3	527
970	653	Shell	893	895	●	-4	51.4	5.7	8.8	1,000
168	96	STC	146	148		-3	2.1	1.4	13.8	457
772	520	Sun Alliance	718	722		+6	27.5	3.8	64.8	271
98	80½	TSB P/P	80	81		-½	..	..	..	7,800
420	265	Tesco	415	417		+6	8.3	2.0	23.7	1,100
529	374	Thorn EMI	453	457		-2	25.0	5.5	33.3	142
349	248	Trafalgar House	276	278		+2	18.9	6.8	7.5	483
209	139	Trusthouse Forte	163	164		+8½	7.9	4.8	16.2	5,100
19⅛	13⅛	Unilever	18½	18⅝		..	55.2	3.0	17.1	387
269	216	Utd Biscuits	226	228		+1	13.6 b	6.0	12.3	1,100

COMMENT Kenneth Fleet

The world series gets under way at last

No birth is without pain: only optimists and fools expected the renaissance of the Stock Exchange to proceed without screams and complications. The great thing is that it happened. There is no way back into the womb. The struggle for existence and healthy growth is under way.

London, in a real sense, is already the centre of the global market in internationally traded securities. There are good reasons why this is so but they do not include the vision of the London Stock Exchange, blinkered for so long; the vitality of the British economy; or the number of UK stocks with international appeal. For its own sake, the Stock Exchange is now in the front line, but it is the *new* Stock Exchange, not the old. With few exceptions the leading stockbrokers and jobbers are effectively controlled by outsiders: UK clearing banks and merchant banks, foreign banks and American investment houses. It is conceivable, especially when the Japanese are given permission to move to the front, that London, as an international exchange, will be a client of overseas corporations.

Wisely perhaps, some merchant banks have elected from the beginning to be the niche players. Lazards and Schroders, for example, believe that in certain areas they have the skills to compete with all-comers. They are undoubtedly right to concentrate their human resources and accumulated experience where they believe they have most to offer.

In the world series, it is being left to groups formed by three clearers — National Westminster, Barclays and Midland — together with Mercury (S.G. Warburg), Kleinwort and Morgan Grenfell, to carry the flag. Facing them are Citicorp, Merrill Lynch, Morgan Stanley, Salomon, Goldman Sachs and Shearson Lehman — to name but six New York giants.

The home teams start with two disadvantages. They lack experience in the dealing systems, which in large part have been imported from New York. And they are fairly new to dealing in international securities. It may not be surprising that London banks and brokers have done little in Tokyo and not a great deal more in New York. It is odd that few attempts have been made to build a significant business either in Eurobond markets or in cross-border equities.

But the home teams are by no means beaten before they start. Some of them have resources equal to the task and they are capable of learning fast. But they will need a fair wind behind them, not least from the direction of Parliament. The capitalist revolution that began yesterday in the City needs a third Thatcher term.

Fury and reality

The Government is said to be furious at London's reluctance to stump up £70 million of risk capital for the Channel tunnel. There is a delicious irony in this. For it is government offerings like British Gas and British Telecom which are the real and currently more favoured alternatives.

Critics say the City is at heart a place full of gamblers who are far more at home taking the short-term punt rather than making sensible long-term investment decisions.

The agonies of the Channel tunnel promoters arise from the mundane fact that the risk/reward ratio is not favourable.

Non-taxpaying institutions who subscribe to the current placing of shares are offered a gross rate of dividend return slightly over 17 per cent on a host of assumptions. This is only a handful of percentage points above the expected returns from the equity market as a whole. If dividends continue to rise at the rate of the past ten years the returns are very much in line with the Channel project.

Yet, because the tunnel produces no income until the early 1990s, the rate of return calculations are unusually sensitve to forecasting error. If one factor, say construction costs, goes astray moderately, that would be no problem. But if there is a delay resulting in cost overruns, and the revenues in the early days of operation are not up to expectations, the actual rate of return could vary substantially from the central estimate.

For a projected return of 25 per cent, the City would have happily taken those risks on board. With the last £70 million of its £200 billion pension portfolios, it can afford to take quite sizeable risks for sizeable rewards. But on the Channel tunnel numbers, the premium returns over those available on relatively risk-free assets simply do not warrant a cavalier approach of the kind that the Prime Minister would dearly love to see.

That is hardly the fault of the investing institutions, who are all trustees of other people's cash. Their enthusiasm might well have been considerably greater had the returns been heavily biased towards early backers of the project.

As things stand, they gain very little from investing now and lose little by holding off until the future for the Channel tunnel is a little clearer.

IN THE MARKET

The gilt-edged chorus as dawn broke over the global village

City men and women gathered early at offices all over the Square Mile yesterday waiting for the magical hour of 9am. Christopher Dunn was there.



Eddie George, left, responsible for gilt-edged and money markets at the Bank of England and Cecil Parkinson

There were, of course, two Parkinsons. First, the witty Professor C Northcote Parkinson, who framed the law: "Work expands to fill the time available for its completion." That was the old gilt-edged market: a closely-knit community, full of characters, nicknames, protocol and practical jokes. It was short on technology and long on technique.

You could leave a bargain in the market, slide out for a quick snifter in the Jamaica, gossip with the boys at the round at Union, and still find the price unchanged on your return.

Parkinson Mark Two? We are in the dark. Today is Big Bang, when the stock market revolution, unwittingly sparked by Cecil Parkinson, the erstwhile Secretary of State for Trade and Industry, explodes.

It is just after seven in the morning. We have an early conference. Not a lot to report.

It is much like Friday, when the Bank of England hit the market with a sneaky tap, just when traders thought it was safe to hide in the wine-bars.

Sterling? It is weak against the dollar, bumping up against lows at $1.40, but firm, at DM2.86 against the German currency. We think the market will start quietly, and we estimate the Bank has set an upper limit for yields through the tap. Do we go for the tap later this week? We think we might, but it is too early to say so with confidence. Time ticks by.

We are getting closer to 9am, the time when the New World begins. Danny, laid-back to a quintessential degree, makes a joke: "It's like the London to Brighton car race. All those jalopy contraptions put-putting round the garden in the summer. Now they're at the starting line."

Wondering about our computer system, we laugh. It eases the tension for a moment. All eyes across the City are straining at screens, waiting for the off. Reg looks taut, while Jock, midfield general of the team, looks remarkably relaxed. Tom wears an anxious frown. The salesmen are very quiet.

Normally at this hour our dealers would be waiting outside the stock market, suited and shaved, under the keen gaze of their partners. But our dealers are here with us in the dealing room, looking slightly adrift. A world of bygone ritual is leaving us.

8.55am. The engines are revving, the goggles adjusting, the hands clamping more firmly on to the wheel. Screens are glowing at us, bank upon bank of technology waiting to purr into action.

8.59am. At the Bank of England, Eddie George and his team are throwing their hats in the air.

9am. Dealings begin. Off we go: have a good day. We reach out and touch the global village.

We adjust quickly in the first few minutes. No information from the market floor, but a steady flow of intelligence from the futures market. Volumes there are low. Everyone is taking it carefully. Reg dives in swiftly, as an absurdly cheap price appears on the screen.

The market sags rapidly. It is hit swiftly by the big boys. We go half a point off. Brains scrabble in the void to stay in touch with the market — just to feel what is going on. Like ectoplasm, the price surface of the market sways in and out of focus, detached from its moorings. Shorts are quiet. All the action is in the longs.

The emphasis is different. We watch the inter-dealer broker (IDB) screens to find out what is being hit, what is being taken. The market is sagging heavily. Suddenly, traders are conscious that this is more than just a game.

The salesmen are loving it. No hassle over finding dealers on the floor using absurd walkie-talkie outfits. Just grab a price from the traders and punch it into the client.

Matthew, our ex-dealer, sums up the difference between today and what it was like at the end of last week: "Instead of having to check prices with seven jobbers, who are all rude to me, I check them 20 feet away with mates of mine."

Suddenly Reg is on his feet, exultant. "We're going better," he shouts.

It is time to find out how the opposition is performing.

Gerrard & National, off Lombard Street, the largest of the discount houses under the old regime. The chairman, Roger Gibbs, is flanked by directors. They look calm and sound determined.

"Big Bang has not meant a culture shock for us. We have been making markets in British short-term instruments since 1970."

Gibbs and his team are just itching to get into the market, and start pushing it around. No sense of stage fright here.

Off to Phillips & Drew in Moorgate. Four rows of desks, each desk with four screens, occupy the end of the seventh floor. An air of distinct menace hangs over the dealing room. Superbear Stephen Lewis says that turnover is ahead of schedule on the day.

"We've increased our market share this morning. Virtue has its own reward."

To Bow Wine Vaults, off Cheapside. The heroes of the revolution are taking their ease over lunch. The air is full of Sloane shrieks. Head-girl Ally sums up: "Not a lot has changed, so far as we can see. They're eating their food as usual."

To SG Warburg, to discover David Burton and his trading team enthusing over the new system. "Last week it could have taken up to five minutes to put a bargain through, now it takes 10 seconds."

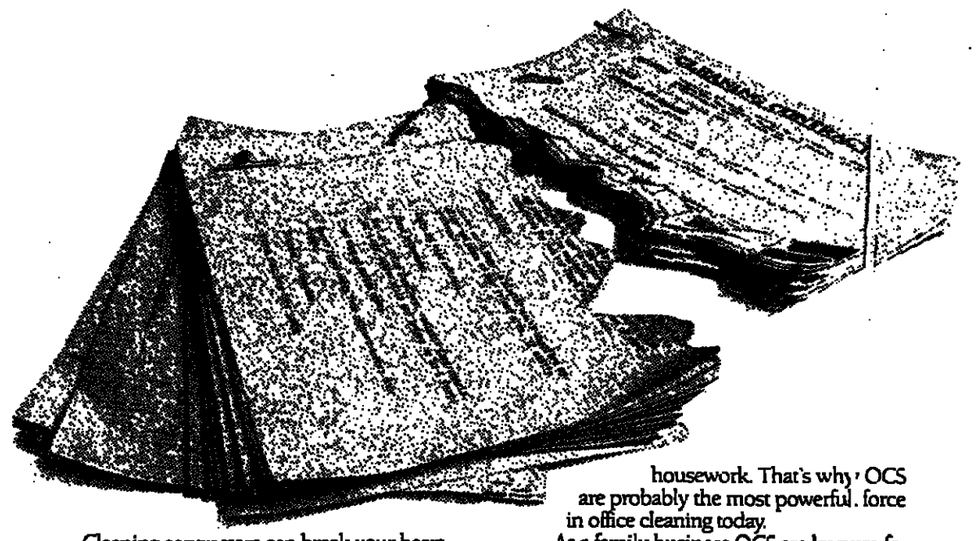
And the spreads have come in. Some market-makers are quoting 1/16 point spreads in £5 million for the runners — that is, the most heavily traded gilt-edged stocks. In the past, the spread would have been at least ¼ point in £2½ million.

They explain carefully just what that means for trading. Under the old system, traders needed to see a ½ point gain to make ⅛ point profit. Now, they can take ⅛ point out of the market on a 3/16 point movement. Net effect of all this? A far more liquid market, where traders can take profits quickly.

To Baring Brothers, where Simon Ellen and Michael Baring are speaking of low trading volumes. Most of the players are sitting on the sidelines, waiting to see if the system actually works.

If you are out of your money for three days, then the system will have failed. It is as simple as that.

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(Issue price in brackets).

Insider appeal halted

From Stephen Leather

The leading Hong Kong businessman Mr Li Ka-shing has given up the fight to clear his name of insider dealing.

Mr Li and four fellow directors of the Hutchison Whampoa trading group were labelled as Hong Kong's first culpable insider dealers by the Insider Dealing Tribunal.

A High Court judge later upheld the tribunal's decision over trading of shares in the Hong Kong property company International City Holdings. The directors said they would appeal.

Mr Li was said to be angry about the insider trader label as Hutchison Whampoa, which recently took a 4.9 per cent stake in the British company Pearson, plans to expand in countries where insider trading is a crime.

But in a statement issued by his Cheung Kong group, Mr Li said "it would be meaningless to take further action".

The Insider Dealings Tribunal was set up to look into the trading of ICH shares in early 1984. A wholly-owned subsidiary of ICH, which is in turn owned by Cheung Kong, agreed to sell flats worth HK$900 million (£80.6 million) to a Peking-controlled company, Ever Bright. The contract contained a cancellation clause, kept secret at Ever Bright's request.

As soon as the deal was announced in January 1984, the shares rocketed, but Ever Bright invoked the cancellation clause on June 26, 1984, and the shares plummeted. It was later discovered that between January 16 and March 1, 1984, a Cheung Kong subsidiary had sold more than 55 million ICH shares.

LONDON TRADED OPTIONS

	Series	Calls Jan	Calls Apr	Calls Jul	Puts Jan	Puts Apr	Puts Jul
Allied Lyons (*301)	300	20	28	37	15	20	25
	330	7	17	22	38	40	45
	360	2	7	—	65	67	—
BP (*654)	600	80	100	—	10	18	—
	650	45	69	78	25	45	50
	700	20	33	50	55	75	83
Cons Gold (*651)	550	122	142	—	12	18	—
	600	82	112	—	25	37	—
	650	57	84	102	45	62	70
Courtaulds (*288)	260	33	47	—	3	6	—
	280	23	33	42	9	13	15
	300	14	22	29	19	24	28
	330	7	—	—	44	—	—
Com Union (*293)	260	43	57	—	4	7	—
	280	30	38	46	9	13	17
	300	19	25	31	17	22	26
Cable & Wire (*328)	300	45	62	77	8	17	22
	325	26	45	—	19	27	—
	350	15	28	—	32	35	—
	375	6	—	—	55	—	—
GEC (*164)	160	16	22	26	6	10	12
	180	6	13	17	16	22	24
	200	2	5	—	38	40	—
Grand Met (*440)	360	90	95	—	1	3	—
	390	63	70	—	3	7	—
	420	42	52	23	14	18	23
	460	22	33	50	33	38	43
ICI (*1064)	950	147	167	—	7	13	—
	1000	105	127	—	13	27	—
	1050	70	95	117	30	45	50
	1100	43	62	90	57	72	74
Land Sec (*334)	300	39	47	55	4	7	9
	330	17	27	38	11	15	19
	360	7	13	—	28	29	—
Marks & Spen (*201)	180	28	35	44	4	7	9
	200	15	21	30	13	14	17
	220	7	11	18	25	26	28
Shell Trans (*894)	850	85	102	—	16	30	—
	900	49	70	88	37	55	67
	950	26	40	57	65	90	100
Trafalgar House (*278)	260	24	33	42	5	11	13
	280	14	23	31	16	22	26
	300	6	14	22	31	36	39
TSB (*80)	80	8½	12½	15	4½	6	7½
	90	4	8	10	11½	12½	13
	100	1¾	4	—	19½	20	—

	Series	Calls Dec	Calls Mar	Calls Jun	Puts Dec	Puts Mar	Puts Jun
Jaguar (*509)	500	40	52	73	23	30	37
	550	17	28	47	50	53	58
	600	7	17	—	93	93	—
Thorn EMI (*456)	420	52	65	77	3	6	13
	460	25	40	52	20	22	27
	500	10	22	34	45	50	55
	550	2	8	—	95	97	—
Tesco (*416)	330	97	—	—	1	—	—
	360	67	82	—	3	7	—
	390	40	54	70	6	13	18
	420	18	32	43	17	22	28

	Series	Calls Nov	Calls Feb	Calls May	Puts Nov	Puts Feb	Puts May
Brit Aero (*438)	420	30	53	63	5	15	20
	460	10	28	42	30	33	40
	500	3	15	27	68	70	75
BAT Inds (*440)	360	85	97	—	½	1½	—
	390	55	70	80	1½	5	9
	420	30	50	60	6	17	20
	460	8	27	35	28	32	35
Barclays (*464⅝)	480	18	42	52	10	17	27
	500	6	23	35	42	45	50
	550	1½	9	17	90	92	95
Brt Telecom (*184)	180	9	18	24	5	10	13
	200	2½	8	15	19	22	26
	220	1	3½	9	38	38	40
Cadbury Schwpps (*187)	160	32	38	42	2	7	8
	180	16	24	27	7	12	14
	200	5	16	18	18	23	26
Guinness (*314)	300	18	28	35	5	13	18
	330	5	12	22	25	30	33
	360	2	6	11	50	52	53
Imperial Gr (*393)	300	95	—	—	1	—	—
	330	66	—	—	1½	—	—
	360	35	—	—	4	—	—
Ladbroke (*349)	330	27	42	50	5	10	13
	360	8	20	28	17	22	28
	390	2	8	18	43	45	55
LASMO (*119)	110	18	23	30	2	7	10
	120	10	18	23	7½	12	16
	130	5	12	18	15	20	25
Midland Bank (*520)	500	32	55	67	7	17	20
	550	10	25	37	35	40	47
	600	3	8	15	80	82	85
P & O (*496)	460	45	57	—	1½	7	—
	500	13	32	50	15	25	38
	550	1½	12	23	55	58	65
	600	½	—	—	105	—	—
Racal (*166)	160	14	22	30	6	10	14
	180	4½	12	18	18	19	24
	200	1½	4½	9	36	36	38
RTZ (*657)	600	62	85	102	7	20	30
	650	30	54	72	20	42	55
	700	12	27	42	55	70	82
	750	4	—	—	102	—	—
Vaal Reefs (*72)	70	8½	13	16½	4	8½	10½
	80	3	8	11¼	10½	13	16½
	90	1	4	6¾	19	21	23

	Series	Calls Nov	Calls Mar	Calls Jun	Puts Nov	Puts Mar	Puts Jun
Lonrho (*233)	200	35	42	46	1½	3½	9
	218	18	—	—	2	—	—
	236	9	—	—	11	—	—
	240	—	16	20	—	22	28
	255	3	—	—	25	—	—

	Series	Calls Nov	Calls Feb	Calls May	Puts Nov	Puts Feb	Puts May
Tr 11¾% 1991 *£102)	100	2	4⅝	3²⁄₁₆	⅜	1	1⁹⁄₁₆
	102	1	1⅝	2³⁄₁₆	1¼	2	2¹⁄₁₆
	104	⅜	⅞	1⁷⁄₁₆	2¾	3¾	3¹⁵⁄₁₆
Tr 11¾% 03/07 (*£108)	106	2½	4⅜	5⅝	1¹⁵⁄₁₆	4¹⁵⁄₁₆	5²⁄₁₆
	108	1¾	3¹⁵⁄₁₆	4¾	2	3¾	4⁵⁄₁₆
	110	1³⁄₁₆	2¾	3¾	3⁵⁄₁₆	4⅝	4¹³⁄₁₆
	112	⅝	2⁵⁄₁₆	2⅝	5	6¼	7
	114	⅜	1⁵⁄₁₆	2¹⁄₁₆	6¾	7¾	8¾
	116	⅜	1	2⁷⁄₁₆	8¾	9¾	10

		Oct	Nov	Dec	Jan	Oct	Nov	Dec	Jan
FT-SE Index (*1585)	1525	65	82	—	—	1	7	—	—
	1550	40	65	75	92	2	15	20	28
	1575	18	47	57	72	8	25	33	38
	1600	9	33	45	58	24	35	47	52
	1625	2	20	33	48	41	50	60	67
	1650	1	12	25	—	68	72	80	—
	1675	½	8	17	—	95	95	100	—
	1700	½	5	13	—	120	120	125	—

October 27, 1986. Total contracts 18033. Calls 12060. Puts 5973. *Underlying security price.

LONDON FINANCIAL FUTURES

	Open	High	Low	Close	Est Vol
Three Month Sterling					
Dec 86	88.50	88.70	88.58	88.67	2478
Mar 87	89.05	89.08	89.02	89.07	297
Jun 87	89.44	89.46	89.35	89.38	205
Sep 87	89.42	89.42	89.33	89.36	122
Dec 87	89.15	89.15	89.11	89.11	16
Mar 88	88.90	88.90	88.87	88.87	20
Previous day's total open interest 13564					
Three Month Eurodollar		Previous day's total open interest 25953			
Dec 86	93.98	94.01	93.96	94.01	2259
Mar 87	93.90	93.94	93.89	93.94	563
Jun 87	93.71	93.75	93.69	93.75	204
Sep 87	93.40	93.45	93.38	93.45	100
US Treasury Bond		Previous day's total open interest 6104			
Dec 86	95-15	96-03	95-12	96-02	4111
Mar 87	94-19	94-19	94-19	95-07	9
Jun 87	NT	—	—	94-07	0
Short Gilt		Previous day's total open interest 951			
Dec 86	95-50	96-06	95-50	96-10	174
Mar 87	NT	—	—	95-10	0
Jun 87	NT	—	—	—	0
Long Gilt		Previous day's total open interest 15991			
Dec 86	109-14	110-17	109-04	110-07	11201
Mar 87	NT	—	—	110-10	0
Jun 87	NT	—	—	110-10	0
Sep 87	NT	—	—	—	0
FT-SE 100		Previous day's total open interest 2612			
Dec 86	159.60	161.00	159.30	159.80	303
Mar 87	NT	—	—	162.80	0

TRADITIONAL OPTIONS

First Dealings	Last Dealings	Last Declaration	For Settlement
Oct 20	Oct 31	Jan 22	Feb 2
Nov 3	Nov 14	Feb 5	Feb 16
Nov 17	Nov 28	Feb 19	Mar 2

Call options were taken out on: 27/10/86 Polly Peck, Lysander Petroleum, Blackwood Hodge, Norcross, F.J.C. Lilley, Thomas Locker, Inoco, Fergebrook Group, A. Walker, H. Brammer, Abaco Investments, Conroy Petr., LCP, Bristol Oil & Minerals, Wrim Creek, Amstrad Consumer Electronics, JE England, Systems Designers, Sears, Kennedy Brookes, Thomtrol, TSB, Guinness Peat.
Put & Call: TSB.

FOREIGN EXCHANGES

STERLING SPOT AND FORWARD RATES

	Market rates day's range October 27	Market rates close October 27	1 month	3 months
N York	1.4035-1.4095	1.4065-1.4075	0.58-0.56prem	1.80-1.77prem
Montreal	1.9505-1.9568	1.9515-1.9545	0.47-0.38prem	1.39-1.24prem
Ams'dam	3.2345-3.2575	3.2530-3.2575	1¼-1⅛prem	4¼-4⅛prem
Brussels	59.45-59.75	59.55-59.75	22-17prem	62-53prem
C'phgen	10.7770-10.8335	10.8185-10.8335	1¼-⅝prem	4¼-3⅝prem
Dublin	1.0504-1.0585	1.0543-1.0553	15-54dis	65-133dis
Frankfurt	2.8620-2.8840	2.8795-2.8840	1¾-1⅝prem	4¾-4¼prem
Lisbon	209.00-211.00	210.05-210.90	50-110dis	183-331dis
Madrid	191.55-192.20	191.90-192.20	12-28dis	5-37dis
Milan	1978.95-1990.20	1985.90-1990.20	2prem-1dis	4-perprem
Oslo	10.4635-10.4895	10.4750-10.4895	2¼-3¼dis	8½-9dis
Paris	9.3810-9.4120	9.3955-9.4120	2¾-2⅜prem	8¼-7¼prem
Sr'khlm	9.7965-9.8355	9.8185-9.8325	2¼-1⅞prem	6½-6¼prem
Tokyo	225.60-226.60	225.95-226.35	1¼-1prem	3¾-3⅝prem
Vienna	20.11-20.26	20.23-20.26	10-8¾prem	28¼-24¾prem
Zurich	2.3640-2.3865	2.3835-2.3865	1⅝-1⅜prem	4¼-4prem

Sterling index compared with 1975 was down at 67.8 (day's range 67.5-67.8).

OTHER STERLING RATES

Argentina austral*	1.5513-1.5582
Australia dollar	2.1920-2.1960
Bahrain dinar	0.5290-0.5330
Brazil cruzado*	19.71-19.84
Cyprus pound	0.7270-0.7370
Finland marka	6.9645-7.0045
Greece drachma	192.50-194.50
Hong Kong dollar	10.9617-10.9903
India rupee	18.05-18.25
Iraq dinar	n/a
Kuwait dinar KD	0.4130-0.4170
Malaysia dollar	3.8911-3.9367
Mexico peso	1140.0-1180.0
New Zealand dollar	2.7852-2.7782
Saudi Arabia riyal	5.2810-5.3010
Singapore dollar	3.0732-3.0769
South Africa rand	3.2081-3.2232
U A E dirham	5.1580-5.1980
*Lloyds Bank	

DOLLAR SPOT RATES

Ireland	1.3330-1.3380
Singapore	2.1835-2.1845
Malaysia	2.6225-2.6245
Australia	0.8414-0.8421
Canada	1.3870-1.3875
Sweden	6.9600-6.9650
Norway	7.4450-7.4500
Denmark	7.6800-7.6850
West Germany	2.0420-2.0430
Switzerland	1.6865-1.6895
Netherlands	2.3065-2.3075
France	6.6700-6.6750
Japan	160.50-160.60
Italy	1411.5-1412.5
Belgium(Comm)	42.38-42.43
Hong Kong	7.8023-7.8028
Portugal	149.50-150.00
Spain	136.70-136.85
Austria	14.40-14.42

Rates supplied by Barclays Bank HOFEX and Extel.

MONEY MARKETS AND GOLD

The money markets stayed subdued throughout. Rates at the short end showed a slightly easier inclination because money was cheap, but the dates at three months and beyond were virtually unchanged. Local authorities rarely showed any interest.

Base Rates %
Clearing Banks 11
Finance House 10

Discount Market Loans %
Overnight High: 9¾ Low 7
Week fixed: 10%

Treasury Bills (Discount %)
Buying / Selling
2 mnth 10¹³⁄₁₆ / 2 mnth 10¹¹⁄₁₆
3 mnth 10¾ / 3 mnth 10¾

Prime Bank Bills (Discount %)
1 mnth 10¾-10⁵⁄₃₂ 2 mnth 10¹³⁄₁₆-10¾
3 mnth 10¾-10¹¹⁄₁₆ 6 mnth 10¾-10¾

Trade Bills (Discount %)
1 mnth 11⅛ 2 mnth 11⅞
3 mnth 11⅛ 6 mnth 11⅜

Interbank (%)
Overnight: open 10¾ close 7
1 week 10¾-10⅝ 6 mnth 11⁹⁄₁₆-11¼
1 mnth 11-10⅝ 9 mnth 11⁹⁄₁₆-11⅜
3 mnth 11⅛-11¼ 12 mth 11⅜-11⅜

Local Authority Deposits (%)
2 days 10¾ 7 days 10¾
1 mnth 10¹³⁄₁₆ 3 mnth 11⅛
6 mnth 11 12 mth 11¹⁄₁₆

Local Authority Bonds (%)
1 mnth 11⅛-11¼ 2 mnth 11⅛-11¼
3 mnth 11⅛-11¼ 6 mnth 11⅛-11¼
9 mnth 11⅛-11¼ 12 mth 11⅛-11¼

Sterling CDs (%)
1 mnth 10¹³⁄₁₆-10¹⁵⁄₁₆ 3 mnth 11⅛-11⅛
6 mnth 11⅛-11⅛ 12 mth 11⅛-11

Dollar CDs (%)
1 mnth 5.95-5.90 3 mnth 5.95-5.90
6 mnth 5.95-5.90 12 mth 6.05-6.00

EURO MONEY DEPOSITS %

Dollar		call	6¼-6¼
7 days	5¾-5¹⁵⁄₁₆	1 mnth	6-5¾
3 mnth	6-5¾	6 mnth	6¹⁄₁₆-5¹⁵⁄₁₆
Deutschmark		call	4¼-3¾
7 days	4⁹⁄₁₆-4⁷⁄₁₆	1 mnth	4⁹⁄₁₆-4⁷⁄₁₆
3 mnth	4⁹⁄₁₆-4⁷⁄₁₆	6 mnth	4¾-4½
French Franc		call	8¼-7½
7 days	7¼-7⅛	1 mnth	7¹¹⁄₁₆-7⁹⁄₁₆
3 mnth	8¹⁄₁₆-7¹⁵⁄₁₆	6 mnth	8¼-8⅛
Swiss Franc		call	1½-⅜
7 days	8⁹⁄₁₆-8⁷⁄₁₆	1 mnth	3¾-3½
3 mnth	4⁹⁄₁₆-4⅛	6 mnth	4⁹⁄₁₆-4⅛
Yen		call	5¼-4¼
7 days	5¼-5	1 mnth	4⅛-4⅛
3 mnth	5¼-5	6 mnth	5¹⁄₁₆-4¹⁵⁄₁₆

GOLD

Gold:$410.75-411.25
Krugerrand* (per coin):
$ 407.00-410.00 (£288.00-291.25)
Sovereigns* (new):
$ 96.50-97.50 (£68.50-69.25)
Platinum
$ 575.50 (£409.05)
*Excludes VAT

ECGD

Fixed Rate Sterling Export Finance Scheme IV Average reference rate for interest period September 3, 1986 to October 7, 1986 inclusive: 10.355 per cent.

TEMPUS

Problems build up at lossmaking Lilley

Cynics might say the announcement of FJC Lilley's £24.5 million interim loss late on Friday and its restoration to listing yesterday were carefully timed. Most of the City was paying too much attention to Big Bang to notice the group's serious problems.

Even those who took time to inquire further received short shrift. The directors, perhaps worried about how the market would cope with the situation on this historic morning, refused to comment, believing that the interim statement provided adequate information.

They are shutting the stable door a little late since the price has already fallen from its 12-month peak of 91p to 31p yesterday. Over the last few weeks, the price has nearly halved. Indeed, at one stage, it touched 15p, reflecting market rumours that the receivers had been called in.

The main problem is the United States, where Harrison Western has been expanding too aggressively. The 1985 accounts showed significant increases in stocks and work in progress, and in creditors, which were no doubt linked to the expansion of US operations.

The extent of management changes in the US are not yet clear. Some are taking heart from the fact that a $30 million loan facility is still in place. Others think that the banks are putting on a brave face given that the loan was so recently arranged.

The losses and provisions could also take into account problems in Algeria, Chile, Nigeria, Egypt, and Dubai.

Accounting standards for contractors state that profits cannot be declared before work is completed and monies received. Potential and actual losses must, however, be provided for as soon as they are identified.

On the one hand, the worst possible situation is presented to investors, while on the other there are opportunities to make subjective judgements when deciding the likely outcome of a contract.

The fact that Lilley has declared all its problems and provided for foreseeable future losses does not mean that it is back on the straight and narrow. Increased pressure will be put on the group: it might be hard to acquire bonding facilities, while suppliers and customers may now be nervous about entering into new contracts.

Substantial management changes are likely throughout the group. When these have been announced, a reassessment will be in order. However, with gearing estimated at more than 100 per cent and possible working capital problems looming, it is hard to recommend the shares at present.

Apex/Phit

Apex Group, the New Zealand developer whose partial tender offer of 160p a share cash for Property Holding and Investment Trust closed yesterday, will make an announcement this morning about its intentions.

Few would have thought a year ago that Phit would attract rival bids for its freehold property assets pushing its share price to a premium above net asset value which was last stated in the balance sheet at 158p a share.

But such is the pressure to use highly-rated paper to buy assets that Phit shareholders who helped the company fight off a £109 million bid from Greycoat Group recently, are seeing rival offers on the table above the stated asset value.

The Chase Corporation, part of New Zealand 's third largest company, cleverly bought 63.1 per cent of Wingate Property Investments, a trading company.

Chase aims to win Phit by tempting shareholders with the chance to acquire highly-rated Wingate paper, trading at three times asset value. And there is the underwritten cash offer of 165p a share.

The Phit situation encapsulates the fate of property investment companies being bought for their assets via expensive paper. And it highlights the trend towards the internationalization of property equities.

IC Gas

As an energy company, Imperial Continental Gas has rather a low profile. Its basic business problem is one that many firms will envy – it is generating cash faster than it can invest it.

Its most recent diversification attempt was not successful. CompAir was bought and sold in the space of a few years, leaving it with no net debt.

Meanwhile, IC Gas missed out on the North Sea oil boom. It may look like good fortune now that the oil price has slumped, but the company has been criticized for taking too cautious an approach.

By far the most difficult asset to value is its biggest, the bottled gas supplier Calor. Calor's ability to make money, always prodigious, has positively exploded as the oil price has come down faster than Calor has reduced its sales prices, an advantage which may not last.

Profits are benefiting from rationalization and from two big gas storage caverns which allow it to buy gas in summer when it is cheap to meet peak winter demand.

Consequently, Calor could make £37 million after tax this year compared with £24 million last year. On an 11 times multiple, Calor would be worth more than £400 million.

IC Gas's other assets are a collection of mainly quoted investments in Belgian gas and electricity utilities and a 7.21 per cent interest in Petrofina. These are also worth about £400 million.

Allow for some tax on disposal of the Belgian interests, add on the residual value in the balance sheet and adjust for the convertible. A few shakes of the calculator will produce an asset value of about 550p, compared with Gulf Resources' offer of 530p fully diluted.

The chief value of IC Gas to a bidder is in Calor. Calor is a mature business in Britain but it could be expanded overseas. Alternatively, it could be regarded as a mammoth cash machine, paying British taxes, and an ideal springboard from which to make further acquisitions.

For strategic reasons, IC Gas may be worth more than the apparent asset value. The market believes that it is worth more to somebody. The shares were up 6p yesterday to 574p, well out of reach of Gulf Resources' offer.

APPOINTMENTS

The Brunning Group: Mr **Tony Bond** has been made finance director.

J H Minet: Mr **Frank Sanderson** becomes an executive director. **Lord John Wellesley** is made managing director, North American Marine Division.

Combined Lease Finance: Mr **Anthony N Simkin** becomes finance director.

Grenco Refrigeration Services: Mr **Brian Cox** has been made sales director.

Lloyds Bank Stockbrokers: Mr **Peter Minchin** is made managing director.

Landor Associates: Mr **Vincent Carra** becomes creative director, Europe.

ASDA-MFI Group: **Sir Godfrey Messervy** and Mr **Kenneth Morton** become non-executive directors from November 1.

The Moorgate Group, Inc: **Mrs Joanne Rypp-Firstenberg** becomes president and chief executive officer.

Crombie Eustace: Mr **Steve Jones** becomes commercial director.

Jardine Group Insurance Services: Mr **John Hastings-Bass** is made managing director from November 1. Mr **Martin Wakeley** becomes chairman.

Bradstock, Blunt & Crawley: Mr **David C Huntingdon** has been made a managing director.

Inbucon Management Consultants: Mr **Adam Charnand** becomes director, financial sector.

Finanglia Ferries Ltd: Mr **John Ashley** becomes deputy managing director.

Tiphook: Mr **J Kenneth Dick** has been made a non-executive director.

Holmen Chemicals: Mr **M J MacMahon** becomes managing director and joins the board.

John Fowler & Partners: Mr **Sean Kennedy** and Mr **John Fowler** become joint managing directors.

TSB Trust Company: Mr **David Corsan** has been made a non-executive director.

Dixons Group: Mr **Danny Churchill** becomes purchasing director. Mr **Bob Gavaghan** joins as commercial director, Financial Services. Mr **Malcolm Sevren** is made marketing director, Financial Services. Mr **Malcolm Alden** becomes marketing director, Colour Laboratories. Mr **Keith Hendron** joins as spares director, Mastercare.

Covell Matthew Wheatley Architects: Mr **Clive Blackman** joins the board as commerical director and Mr **Tony Lorenz** as a non-executive director.

Rossmore Warwick: Mr **Roger Dalby** becomes a partner.

BET: Mr **Brian Thompson** joins the board from November 1.

Dwyer & Co: Mr **Martin Silverman** joins the board as group finance director.

Swan National: Mr **Stephen Bogira** becomes group financial director and a director of subsidiaries Swan National Rentals, Swan National Leasing, and Stardust & Camelot Holidays.

Bischoff & Co: Mr **Andrew Evans** will become a partner from November 1.

Prowting Holdings: Mr **Bob Templeman** is made financial director.

Liberty Life Assurance Company: Mr **C G Erwin** is appointed investment director.

Slough Estates: Mr **Peter H Johnston** becomes executive director of UK Property Investments.

Jardine Insurance Agency: Mr **Hideo Ohtsuka** takes over as vice-president, Japan.

BTP: Mr **J H B Ketteley** becomes deputy chairman and Mr **B J Meddings** is made finance director.

Goldsmith Group: Mr **Charles Williams** is appointed deputy managing director of Heritage Hotels. Mr **Bill Wood** joins the board as operations director of Heritage Hotels.

Cambridge Life Sciences: Dr **Arnold Worlock** is promoted to non-executive director.

Joynson-Hicks: Miss **Sarah Faulder** and Mr **Graham Briggs** will become partners from November 1.

Michael Peters Retail: Mr **Bill Carden-Horton** is made associate director.

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Interim Dividends for 1986

By the closing date of 20th October 1986 for the lodgment of election forms in Hong Kong and in London, elections for cash dividends had been received from the holders of 501,653,891 'A' shares and 616,396,714 'B' shares. Accordingly, the following new shares have been allotted to shareholders in respect of the interim dividends for 1986 to be satisfied by the issue of scrip:

	Number of new shares issued	Proportion of existing shares in issue
'A' shares	2,995,094	0.3772%
'B' shares	23,033,998	0.9328%

Certificates for the new 'A' and 'B' shares, together with dividend warrants for the minimum cash dividends of 1.0c per 'A' share and 0.2c per 'B' share and for the other cash dividends for which elections were received, will be despatched to shareholders on 31st October 1986; The Stock Exchange of Hong Kong Limited has granted permission for the shares to be listed and dealt in from that date.

By order of the Board
JOHN SWIRE & SONS (H.K.) LIMITED
Secretaries

Hong Kong
28th October, 1986

Swire Pacific Limited
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Swire House, Hong Kong.

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Hong Kong & Shanghai	11.00%
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No.	Company	Group	Gain or loss
1	Dixons Grp	Drapery,Stores	
2	Lee Cooper	Drapery,Stores	
3	Arenson	Industrials A-D	
4	Federated Hsg	Building,Roads	
5	Breedon&Cloud Hill	Building,Roads	
6	Morland	Breweries	
7	DSC	Industrials A-D	
8	Kwik Save	Foods	
9	Alpine Drinks	Foods	
10	Newarthill	Building,Roads	
11	Goldberg (A)	Drapery,Stores	
12	Christy Hunt	Industrials A-D	
13	Blagden	Chemicals,Plas	
14	Bridport-Gundry	Industrials A-D	
15	Shiloh	Industrials S-Z	
16	Suter	Industrials S-Z	
17	Porter Chadburn	Industrials L-R	
18	Eastern Prod	Industrials E-K	
19	Reed Int	Industrials L-R	
20	Whitbread 'A'	Breweries	
21	Scot TV	Cinemas,TV	
22	Asda	Property	
23	Sekers	Textiles	
24	Cowie (T)	Motors,Aircraft	
25	Hunting	Oil	
26	IBL	Electricals	
27	Assoc Book	Newspapers,Pub	
28	Humerprint	Paper,Printing	
29	Good Relations	Paper,Printing	
30	Underwoods	Drapery,Stores	
31	Pentos	Drapery,Stores	
32	Crystalate	Electricals	
33	Amstrad	Electricals	
34	Gibbs & Dandy Ord	Building,Roads	
35	Guinness	Breweries	
36	Sharpe & Fisher	Building,Roads	
37	McInerney	Property	
38	Fitzwilton	Industrials E-K	
39	Hopkinsons	Industrials E-K	
40	Smurfit (Jeff)	Paper,Printing	
41	Morgan Crucible	Industrials L-R	
42	Macfarlane	Industrials L-R	
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High	Low	Stock	Price	Ch'ge	Int. only yield	Gross Red. yield
SHORTS (Under Five Years)						
103	95½	Exch 13½% 1987	100⅝	..	13.2	10.995
100⅞	93⅞	Treas 10¼% 1987	98⅞	..	10.3	11.201
98½	92¼	Exch 2½% 1987	95¼	..	2.6	7.741
99⅞	95⅞	Exch 10½% 1987	98⅞	+⅛	10.5	11.210
98¾	93¾	Fund 6½% 1985-87	96⅛	●+⅛	6.6	10.181
101¼	95⅞	Treas 10% 1987	99⅛	..	10.1	11.291
97⅛	90⅝	Treas 3% 1987	95⅞	..	3.1	8.213
104½	94¼	Treas 12% 1987	100⅞●	..	11.9	11.158
99⅞	92	Treas 7¾% 1985-88	96⅛	..	8.1	10.803
104⅛	95⅞	Exch 10½% 1988	98⅞	●+⅛	10.6	11.228
102¾	94⅞	Treas C9¾% 1988	97⅝	..	10.0	11.235
94⅞	86½	Treas 3% 1978-88	92	+⅛	3.3	8.173
102⅞	93⅞	Treas 9½% 1988	96⅞	..	9.8	11.289
107⅞	93½	Treas 11½% 1989	100⅝	..	11.5	11.230
105⅞	95½	Treas 10½% 1989	98⅛	..	10.7	11.237
104⅞	93	Exch 10% 1989	97½	..	10.3	11.243
111⅛	94⅝	Exch 10½% 1989	99⅞	●..	10.3	10.395
107⅛	98½	Exch 11% 1989	99⅞	..	11.1	11.235
93⅞	84½	Treas 5% 1986-89	89⅜	+⅛	5.7	9.537
105⅝	92¾	Treas C9½% 1989	96⅛	..	9.9	11.169
92	82¾	Treas 3% 1989	87⅛	●..	3.4	8.478
114¼	103¼	Treas 13% 1990	104⅝	-⅛	12.4	11.192
88⅛	76⅝	Exch 2½% 1990	80⅞	●..	3.1	8.279
108⅜	94⅝	Exch 11% 1990	98⅝	..	11.1	11.171
118¼	100	Exch 12½% 1990	103⅝	..	12.1	11.173
88⅛	78⅝	Treas 3% 1990	83⅜	●+⅛	3.6	8.607
100⅞	89⅞	Treas 8¼% 1987-90	93	-⅛	8.9	10.543
108⅛	92⅝	Treas 10% 1990	96⅛	-⅛	10.4	11.158
112⅞	99	Treas 11¾% 1991	101⅞	..	11.5	11.213
94⅞	84⅞	Fund 5¾% 1987-91	87⅝	+⅛	6.6	9.349
110⅜	97⅞	Exch 11% 1991	99⅞	..	11.1	11.141
88⅞	78⅞	Treas 3% 1991	79⅞●	-⅛	3.8	
FIVE TO FIFTEEN YEARS						
118⅝	103	Treas 12¾% 1992	106	..	12.0	11.188
107¾	91¼	Treas 10% 1992	96	..	10.4	11.207
109⅝	92⅞	Treas C10½% 1992	97⅛●	-⅛	10.8	11.209
117¼	100⅞	Exch 12¼% 1992	104⅞	+⅛	11.7	11.292
123⅝	102½	Exch 13½% 1992	109	..	12.4	11.342
108	93⅞	Treas 10% 1993	94⅞	-⅛	10.5	11.081
121⅛	103⅝	Treas 12½% 1993	106⅜	-⅛	11.8	11.182
91⅞	79¼	Fund 6% 1993	84¼	-⅛	7.1	9.103
128	105⅛	Treas 13¾% 1993	112⅛	●+⅛	12.2	11.238
138⅛	105⅞	Treas 14½% 1994	116⅝	..	12.4	11.141
122⅛	97⅞	Exch 12½% 1994	106⅛	..	11.8	11.233
127⅛	108⅞	Exch 13½% 1994	111	●..	12.1	11.301
103⅞	86⅛	Treas 9% 1994	90⅛	●..	10.0	10.824
120	100⅞	Treas 12% 1995	104⅛	..	11.5	11.178
78⅛	68½	Gas 3% 1990-95	74⅛	●..	4.0	7.282
110⅞	91⅝	Exch 10¼% 1995	95⅛	-⅛	10.8	11.072
129	102⅞	Treas 12¾% 1995	109⅛	●..	11.7	11.149
133⅛	112⅞	Treas 14% 1996	115	-⅛	12.2	11.281
103⅞	87	Treas 9% 1992-96	89⅝	..	10.0	10.835
142⅜	114	Treas 15¼% 1996	122⅝	●..	12.4	11.326
130½	104⅝	Exch 13¼% 1996	112⅛	●..	11.8	11.185
84⅛	74½	Rdmpt 3% 1986-96	79⅛	-⅛	3.8	
108⅝	88⅞	Conv 10% 1996	94	●..	10.6	11.037
131	110	Treas 13¼% 1997	112⅝	..	11.8	11.183
112⅝	93½	Exch 10½% 1997	96⅛	-⅛	10.9	11.075
101⅞	79⅞	Treas 8¾% 1997	87⅛	-⅛	10.0	10.822
142½	116½	Exch 15% 1997	122½	●-⅛	12.2	11.365
88½	71	Treas 6¾% 1995-98	75⅝	●..	8.9	10.489
107⅞	89½	Exch 9¾% 1998	92⅛	-⅛	10.6	10.965
148⅞	126½	Treas 15½% 1998	127½	..	12.2	11.275
124⅛	101½	Exch 12% 1998	106⅛	●+⅛	11.3	11.035
107⅛	88⅞	Treas 9½% 1999	91⅛	+⅛	10.3	10.756
126½	103⅛	Exch 12¼% 1999	108⅛	+⅛	11.3	11.027
114	94⅛	Treas 10½% 1999	97⅛	●-⅛	10.8	10.879
112⅛	91⅛	Conv 10¼% 1999	95⅛	●..	10.7	10.870
133⅞	111⅞	Treas 13% 2000	113⅝	..	11.4	11.056
88	87	Conv 9% 2000	88⅝	..		10.578
111⅜	91⅞	Treas 10% 2001	94⅛	+⅛	10.6	10.733
109⅛	89⅞	Conv 9¾% 2001	92⅛	-⅛	10.5	10.744
137⅛	110⅞	Treas 14% 1998-01	117⅝	●+⅛	11.9	11.278
OVER FIFTEEN YEARS						
111⅝	93⅞	Conv 10% 2002	94⅝	..	10.6	10.694
124⅛	103⅞	Exch 12% 1999-02	105⅞	-⅛	11.3	11.079
109⅞	90	Treas 9¾% 2002	93⅛	+⅛	10.5	10.663
112⅞	93⅞	Treas 10% 2003	95	..	10.5	10.641
138⅛	116⅛	Treas 13¾% 2000-03	118½	+⅛	11.6	11.097
123½	103⅝	Treas 11½% 2001-04	104⅞	+⅛	11.0	10.835
112⅞	92⅞	Treas 10% 2004	95⅝	●+⅛	10.5	10.617
80⅞	48⅝	Fund 3½% 1999-04	50⅝	+⅛	6.9	9.213
108⅞	90	Conv 9½% 2004	91⅛	+⅛	10.4	10.607
109⅝	90	Conv 9½% 2005	91⅞	+⅛	10.4	10.570
117⅞	94⅞	Exch 10½% 2005	98⅞	..	10.5	10.582
134⅛	108⅞	Treas 12½% 2003-05	113⅝	●+⅛	11.0	10.745
95⅞	78⅞	Treas 8% 2002-06	80⅛	+⅛	10.0	10.391
107⅞	88⅞	Conv 9¾% 2006	93⅞	●..	10.4	10.561
127⅝	104⅞	Treas 11¾% 2003-07	107⅞	+⅛	10.9	10.748
94⅞	82⅞	Treas 8½% 2007	88⅞	+⅛	10.1	10.437
143⅛	115⅞	Treas 13½% 2004-08	121⅝	+⅛	11.1	10.744
95⅞	78⅞	Treas 8% 2009	79⅝	+⅛	10.0	10.333
72⅞	57⅞	Treas 5½% 2008-12	58⅝	..	9.4	10.026
93⅞	76⅞	Treas 7¾% 2012-15	77⅝	..	10.0	10.233
135	113⅞	Exch 12% 2013-17	114⅝	..	10.5	10.436
UNDATED						
48⅞	38⅞	Consols 4%	39⅛	-⅛	10.2	
42	34⅞	War Ln 3½%	34⅛	●+1⅛	10.2	
52⅞	44⅛	Conv 3½%	46⅛	-⅛	7.6	
34⅞	29⅞	Treas 3%	29⅞	..	10.2	
29⅞	24⅞	Consols 2½%	24⅞	..	10.2	
29⅞	24⅞	Treas 2½%	24⅞	..	10.2	
INDEX-LINKED						
123	114⅞	Treas IL 2% 1988	122⅛	+⅛	2.1	2.621
107⅞	98½	Treas IL 2% 1990	105	+⅛	2.2	3.102
122	108⅞	Treas IL 2% 1996	115⅛	..	2.5	3.833
107⅞	95⅞	Treas IL2½% 2001	98⅛	..	3.1	3.984
107⅛	93⅞	Treas IL2½% 2003	97⅛	●+⅛	3.1	3.928
110⅛	96⅞	Treas IL 2% 2006	100⅛	+⅛	2.8	3.791
106⅞	92⅞	Treas IL2½% 2009	98⅛	●+⅛	3.2	3.713
111⅞	97	Treas IL2½% 2011	101⅛	+⅛	3.2	3.631
94⅞	79⅞	Treas IL2½% 2013	86⅛	+⅛	3.2	3.579
102⅞	87⅞	Treas IL2½% 2016	92⅛	..	3.2	3.533
99⅞	91⅞	Treas IL2½% 2016 A	92⅛	+⅛	2.8	3.534
100⅛	86⅞	Treas IL2½% 2020	91⅛	+⅛	3.2	3.459

BANKS DISCOUNT HP

High	Low	Company	Bid	Offer	Ch'ge	Gross div pence	Yld %	P/E
251	186	Allied Irish	207	212	+2	9.0	4.3	8.0
85	65	Ansbacher (Henry)	74	76				38.9
298	185	Aus New Z	237	241		15.0	6.2	
12½	7½	Bankamerica	1 93					
260	163	Bank Of Ireland	180	185	+5	17.0	9.3	
11½	6	Bank Leumi Israel	101½					
260	230	Bank Leumi UK	240	260	●	1.7	0.7	11.7
464	364	Bank Of Scotland	408	412	●-2	20.7	5.0	8.0
590	429	Barclays	483	487	+1	28.1	6.0	8.7
48	32	Benchmark	36	41	●	2.3	5.8	13.9
740	410	Brown Shipley	565	580	+15	13.8	2.4	26.8
438	280	Cater Allen	275	285	-3	28.9	10.3	36.1
58½	35	Cattles	46	47		2.9	6.2	12.9
32¼	24¾	Chase Manhattan	29¾		+½	1.9	6.4	
42¾	33¾	Citicorp	35¼		+½	2.06	5.9	
80	46	Com Bank Wales	68			3.4	5.0	11.1
118	80½	Commerzbank	105¼			6.0	0.1	
283¼	215½	Deutsche Bank	127		+1	200f	4.4	
32	17	Equity & Gen	31½	32½		1.3	4.1	30.2
212	148	First Nat Finance	175	177		6.5	3.8	10.7
277	263	Gerrard Nat	260	265	●+1	22.1	8.4	
102	65	Guinness Peat	92		+3	2.9	3.2	14.7
251	195	Hambros	215	220	-2	10.3n	4.7	8.8
430	225	Hill Samuel	360	362	+1	18.9	5.2	8.0
75	55	HK Shanghai	74	75½	+1½	3.3	4.4	
520	318	Joseph (Leopold)	480	500	-10	17.7	3.6	28.6
158	136	King & Shaxson	134	138		12.5	9.2	11.5
570	377	Kleinwort Benson	517	520	+4	19.0	3.7	11.3
484	393	Lloyds	405	410	-1	25.0	6.1	6.5
83	58	Lon Scot	61	64	-1	3.7	5.9	12.0
426½	279	Mercury Intl	365	375	+10			
153	108	Do 6% 'A'	123	128	+2	8.6	6.9	
599	417	Midland	518	522	-4	37.1	7.1	18.3
485	368	Morgan Grenfell	382	387	●+4	12.1	3.1	
321	191	Nat Aust Bk	238	243	+1			
592	436	Nat West	486		+1	27.9	5.5	5.2

BREWERIES

High	Low	Company	Bid	Offer	Ch'ge	Gross div pence	Yld %	P/E
363	248	Allied-Lyons	298	302	+7	13.8	4.5	13.7
840	620	Bass	692	698		21.7	3.1	14.8
87	38	Belhaven	77½	79	-½	1.2	1.5	32.8
144	85	Boddingtons	125	128	●-7½	4.6	3.6	15.8
558	375	Brown (Matthew)	520	600	+3	20.0b	3.8	20.5
124	58	Buckleys	120	121	-1½	4.1	3.4	27.9
182	144	Bulmer (H P)	155	160	+1	7.6	4.8	16.2
620	405	Burtonwood Brew	615	635	+15	15.4	2.5	20.6
518	410	Clark (Matthew)	450	480	-5	11.4	2.5	13.7
237	128	Devenish (J A)	180	186	+6	3.7	2.0	28.8
204	165	Greenall Whitley	177	179		7.9	4.4	12.7
258	183	Greene King	252	258	+1½	8.0	3.2	14.4
355	275	Guinness	313	315	+8	10.3	3.3	11.9
610	465	Hardys & Hansons	580	600		25.0	4.2	15.4
91	68	Highland Dist	67	68	+½	3.1	4.6	13.0
179	148	Invergordon Dist	145	147		8.8	4.7	9.3
188	160	Irish Dist	165	170		6.0	3.6	
114	77	Marston Thompson	113	115		3.2	2.8	18.3
286	217	Morland	285	287	+4	9.1	3.2	15.6
288	131	SA Breweries	185	193				
234	163	Scot & New	205	206	+15½	10.0	4.9	12.5
540	363	Vaux	406	410	-2	16.4	4.0	15.7
316	223	Whitbread 'A'	263	265	+8	11.1	4.2	12.2
318	228	Do 'B'	262	263	+1½	11.1	4.2	12.1
251	186	Whitbread Inv	222	225	+1	10.6	4.7	28.8
553	410	Wolverhampton & D	530	533	+1	12.7	2.4	19.4
330	195	Young 'A'	280	290	—	10.4	3.6	19.8

CINEMAS AND TV

High	Low	Company	Bid	Offer	Ch'ge	Gross div pence	Yld %	P/E
293	176	Anglia TV 'A'	290	292	-2	13.9	4.8	15.2
52	27	Grampian	44	46		2.9	6.4	6.5
240	176	HTV N/V	200	202	●+1	12.1	6.0	8.5
428	263	LWT Hldgs	428	430	+6	21.3	5.0	17.2
350	188	Scot TV	336	338	●+5	15.9	4.7	11.1
273	149	TVS N/V	261	263	+8	14.3	5.5	12.8
48	31	TSW	47½		●+½	2.91	6.1	8.9
293	223	Thames TV	290	295	+11			
158	158½	TV-AM	185	189	●+1½	8.4	3.4	
148	104	Ulster TV	143	145	●+1	8.9	6.2	5.4
156	144	Yorkshire TV	150	155	+1			

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OVERSEAS TRADERS

High	Low	Company	Bid	Offer	Ch'ge	Gross div pence	Yld %	P/E
158	127	Chillington	148	153		10.0	6.6	13.3
107	75	Finlay (James)	86	88		5.9	6.6	
430	325	Harrisons Crosfield	413	415	-1	28.5	6.9	20.9
465	303	Inchcape	478	480	+6	25.9	5.4	38.0
37	28½	Jacks (Wm)	34½	35½	●	1.7b	4.9	13.0
263	183	Lonrho	232	233	●+1½	17.1	7.4	11.5
85	34	Ocean Wilson	62	64		3.6	5.7	11.0
258	190	Paterson Zoch	240	245	●+2½	9.3	3.8	5.7
260	190	Do 'A'	240	245	●+2½	9.3	3.8	5.7
213	128	Polly Peck	188	190	+6	7.5	4.0	3.6
60	30	Sime Darby	58	62	●			
585	545	Steel Bros	575	585	●-1	22.9	3.9	12.8
224	81	Tozer Kemsley	146	149	-4			53.0
228	153	Yule Catto	232	237	+7	10.7	4.6	10.9

SHIPPING

High	Low	Company	Bid	Offer	Ch'ge	Gross div pence	Yld %	P/E
312½	187	Assoc Br Ports	280	283	●+1	7.7	2.7	15.6
396	218	Br Commonwealth	312	315	+6	7.5	2.4	22.1
388	188	Caledonia	287	288	+8½	7.1	2.5	30.4
94	51	Fisher (James)	82	85	-9	4.8	7.5	11.6
683	480	Graig	490	500	-5	21.4	4.3	41.1
76	54½	Jacobs (JI)	65	67	●+1	5.1a	7.7	50.4
12½	4½	Lyle	8	9	+2			0.7
41	26	Mersey Docks	27	29				3.0
240	180	Ocean Transport	235	236	●+1½	9.8	4.2	10.8
578	428	P & O Dfd	485	497	●+1	25.0	5.0	14.2
165	85	Runciman (Walter)	160	165	+7	7.1	4.4	25.7
334	127	Tiphook	290	295		6.1	2.1	19.4
390	360	Turnbull Scott	368	378	-7	12.9	3.5	52.2

SHOES AND LEATHER

High	Low	Company	Bid	Offer	Ch'ge	Gross div pence	Yld %	P/E
360	290	FII	325	335	+20	9.6	2.9	12.9
208	145	Garnar Booth	170	174	●-½	14.3	8.3	10.7
45	32	Headlam Sims	36	38	-2	0.7	1.9	
218	160	Lambert Howarth	170	175	-5	8.9	5.1	9.2
82	54½	Newbold & Burton	54	56	●-2	4.4	7.9	15.9
128	82	Pittard	124	129	+14	3.5	4.4	8.7
192	118	Strong & Fisher	134	138	●	12.0	8.5	8.3
273	158	Stylo	217	222	+12	6.4	2.9	27.2

TOBACCOS

High	Low	Company	Bid	Offer	Ch'ge	Gross div pence	Yld %	P/E
469	306	BAT	438	440	●+1	18.4	4.2	11.5
180	108	Carroll	110	115				
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167	127	Rothmans 'B'	158	159	+3½	9.8	6.1	5.8

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	Bid	Offer	Chng	Yld
ABBEY UNIT TRUST MANAGERS 80, Holdenhurst Rd, Bournemouth BH8 8AL 0345 717373 (Linkline)				
Gilt & Fixed	105.4	112.5●	-0.4	10.87
High Inc Equity	92.1	97.8●	+0.3	5.31
Worldwide Bond	199.5	213.4c	+0.2	4.55
American Growth	156.3	166.4	+1.1	1.68
Asian Pacific	58.4	62.5	-1.4	2.42
Assets & Earns	103.2	109.7c	+0.9	2.58
Capital Reserve	84.8	85.0	+0.1	1.55
Comm & Energy	91.2	97.0	-0.6	1.48
European Capital	100.5	106.9	+0.9	1.19
General	132.0	140.4	+0.6	3.03
Japan	71.3	76.2●	-0.1	..
UK Growth Inc	98.7	105.3●	+0.7	1.13
Do Accum	141.8	150.9●	+0.2	0.78
US Emerging Co's	55.7	59.8	+0.8	1.12
Equitas Progress	198.8	211.4c	+2.6	3.50
Mastertst Acc	66.2	70.4	-0.4	2.32
ALLIED DUNBAR UNIT TRUSTS Allied Dunbar Centre Swindon SN1 1EL 0793 610366 & 0793 28291				
First Trust	215.1	229.1	-3.6	3.89
Growth & Income	127.1	135.4●	-2.2	3.35
Capital Trust	216.3	230.3●	-4.0	2.74
Balanced	344.0	368.4	-4.6	3.52
Accum Trust	528.8	563.1●	-8.0	3.14
American Income	33.1	35.2	+0.1	4.18
High Income Tst	241.3	257.0●	-4.1	6.05
Equity Income	136.6	145.5	-2.3	5.20
High Yield	139.5	148.6●	-2.8	5.51
Govt Secs Trust	27.1	28.1●	+0.1	10.25
International	88.9	94.7	+0.1	0.86
Japan Fund	112.7	120.0	+0.3	0.01
Pacific Trust	187.0	199.2	+1.2	0.90
Amer Spcl Sits	67.1	71.5●	+0.3	1.37
Secs Of Amer Tst	210.5	224.2	-0.3	0.93
Ald Asset Value	220.9	235.3	-4.0	3.51
Gilt Growth	33.9	35.2●	-0.1	3.21
Smaller Co's	121.4	129.3	+2.5	2.65
2nd Smaller Co's	158.0	168.1●	+3.1	2.41
Recovery Trust	77.7	82.7●	-1.5	2.26
ARBUTHNOT SECURITIES 131, Finsbury Pavement, London EC2A 1AY 01-628 9876 01-280 8540/1/2/3				
Capital Growth Inc	57.1	61.0	-0.1	1.68
Do Accum	63.9	68.2	-0.1	1.68
Eastern & Intl	142.1	152.0	-0.1	0.81
Do 6% Withdrawal	74.3	79.5	-1.4	0.81
Finance & Property	67.1	71.7	-0.2	3.94
Gilt & Fixed Income	47.4	49.8c	-0.2	10.27
Do Accum	80.4	84.6c	-0.2	10.27
Equity Income	74.1	79.2c	-0.1	4.83
Do Accum	175.5	187.6c	-0.2	4.83
High Yield Income	74.3	79.4	-0.2	6.92
Do Accum	198.2	211.9	-0.6	6.92
Intl Income	85.2	91.1	+0.5	2.00
Do Accum	87.5	93.5	+0.5	2.00
Do 5% Withdrwl	79.0	84.4c	+0.4	2.00
Managed Fund	65.7	69.2	+1.1	..
Preference Income	28.3	30.2●	-0.1	10.28
Do Accum	92.8	99.2●	..	10.28
Smaller Co's Accum	67.9	72.6●	-0.3	1.58
World Penny Share	9.2	9.8	..	0.73
Portfolio Tst UK	73.3	78.0	-0.2	1.51
Portfolio Tst Japan	93.7	97.1	-1.3	0.00
Portfolio Tst US	71.6	74.2	+0.9	1.06
Portfolio Tst Europe	127.2	131.8	+2.8	0.00
Portfolio Tst HK	48.5	51.3	-0.8	0.10
BAILLIE GIFFORD 3, Glenfinlas St, Edinburgh EH3 6YY 031-225 2581 (Dealers:031-226 6066)				
Intl Ex (22)	468.4	488.9	..	0.67
Japan Ex (43)	390.0	405.7	..	0.22
UK Ex (31)	237.4	252.5c	..	1.33
P'sal Pens Intl	541.6	570.5	..	..
P'sal Pens UK	231.5	243.7	..	..
BG America	175.0	186.2	+2.0	0.00
BG Energy	150.7	160.4	-1.1	1.27
BG Income Grwth	195.2	207.7●	+0.7	5.21
BG Japan	172.6	183.7●	-2.1	0.00
BG Technology	141.6	150.7	+1.7	0.83
BALTIC TRUST MANAGERS 25/26 Albemarle Street, London W1X 4AD 01-491 0295				
American	46.2	49.5	..	0.69
Australian	21.8	23.4	..	2.26
Japan & General	97.0	103.8	..	0.08
High Income	43.0	46.0	..	8.15
International Trust	88.3	94.5	..	1.41
Income Gth Tst	46.5	49.8	..	3.74
Gilts & Fixed Int	19.9	21.3	..	10.25
Global Markets	34.0	36.4	..	1.96
Special Situations	38.2	40.9●	..	1.48
BARCLAYS UNICORN Unicorn House, 252, Romford Rd E7 01-534 5544				
America	87.9	93.0c	-0.4	1.48
Aust Accum	178.3	188.6	+0.7	0.92
Do Income	126.2	133.5	+0.5	0.92
Capital	67.6	71.5	+1.5	3.15
Exempt Trust	407.3	430.9●	-2.7	4.41
Extra Income	71.7	75.8●	-0.7	5.93
Financial	225.4	238.5	-1.7	3.16
500	258.9	271.8	-2.6	3.33
General	132.4	140.1●	-0.9	3.40
Gilt & Fixed Inc	50.2	52.8c	-0.4	10.38
Japan & Gen Inc	144.3	152.6	-0.5	0.00
Do Acc	145.9	154.3	-0.5	0.00
Growth Accum	173.0	183.0	-1.2	2.36
Income Trust	325.0	343.9	-2.2	4.07
Leisure Trust	77.4	81.9	-0.3	1.51
Special Situations	138.4	146.4●	-1.3	2.47
Recovery	188.5	199.4c	-2.9	2.92
Trustee Fund	102.6	108.5	-1.0	3.14
Univ Tech Accum	53.5	56.6	+0.6	0.20
Do Income	53.0	56.0	+0.6	0.20
Worldwide Trust	149.5	158.1	-0.6	1.18
'B' Tst Inv Fund Acc	325.5	344.4●	+7.2	3.55
Do Inc	207.9	219.9●	+4.6	3.55
BARING FUND MANAGERS PO Box 156, Beckenham, Kent BR3 4XQ 01-658 9002				
Australia	79.7	85.2c	-0.2	0.80
Eastern	73.7	78.8	+1.5	0.30
Equity Income	55.2	58.7●	-0.2	5.70
Europe	132.4	140.8	+0.1	0.90
Growth & Inc	61.5	65.4	-0.1	2.30
Japan Special	103.5	110.2	+0.2	0.10
Japan Sunrise	91.1	97.0●	-0.5	0.10
First Europe	116.0	123.3	..	0.90
First Japan	82.7	88.0●	+0.2	0.10
First N Amer	51.3	54.8	+0.3	1.80
First Smaller Co's	64.3	68.3●	+0.2	2.70
BARRINGTON MANAGEMENT 10, Fenchurch St, London EC3 01-623 8000				
Planned Inv	130.0	138.4●	..	3.86
European Inc	101.5	107.1	+3.2	1.43
Do Accum	124.8	131.7	+3.7	1.43
General Inc	159.4	168.2	+6.1	3.17
Do Accum	217.3	229.2	+8.2	3.17
Gilt Yield Inc	104.4	107.5	-0.2	10.58
Do Accum	172.0	177.2	-0.3	10.58
High Yield Inc	91.2	96.2●	+3.3	5.42
Do Accum	183.5	193.5●	+6.2	5.42
Japan Income	222.0	234.2	+3.2	0.34
Do Accum	223.5	235.9	+3.2	0.34
N American Inc	49.3	52.0	+0.2	0.72
Do Accum	57.3	60.5	+0.4	0.75
Pacific Income	131.2	138.4●	+2.4	0.33
Do Accum	147.8	156.0●	+2.7	0.33
Smlr Co's Inc	78.7	83.0	-2.1	1.82
Do Accum	93.3	98.4	-2.4	1.82
BROWN SHIPLEY 9-17, Perrymount Rd, Haywards Heath 0444 458144				
Financial	126.9	135.0	+1.1	2.58
Smaller Co's Acc	230.9	245.9●	+0.7	..
Do Income	147.4	157.7●	+0.5	0.98
High Income	64.1	68.6●	+0.1	6.84
Income	74.1	79.3●	+0.2	4.77
Man Portfolio Inc	58.7	62.4	+0.9	3.24
Do Acc	99.2	105.5	+1.5	..
North American	57.6	61.6	+0.1	1.41
Orient	81.2	86.8c	+2.1	0.24
BUCKMASTER MANAGEMENT The Stock Exchange London EC2P 2JT 01-588 2868				
Fellowship Inc	48.4	52.8●	-0.3	3.00
General Inc (4)	215.3	225.8	..	3.53
Do Accum (4)	344.2	360.3	..	3.53
Income Fund (3)	99.3	104.7●	..	4.61
Do Accum (3)	177.4	187.0	..	4.61
Intl Inc (2)	131.7	137.4	..	1.54
Do Accum (2)	175.2	182.8	..	1.54
Smaller Inc (5)	£11.67	12.400	..	2.97
Do Accum (5)	£12.43	13.20	..	2.97
CS FUND MANAGERS 125, High Holborn, London WC1V 6PY 01-242 1148				
CS Japan Fund	77.6	82.5	+1.5	0.38
CANNON FUND MANAGERS 1, Olympic Way, Wembley, HA9 0NB 01-902 8876				
Growth	279.0	298.8	-0.6	3.05
Income	324.8	345.5	-1.3	3.88
Far East	218.5	232.4	-0.2	0.29
North American	147.8	157.2	+0.6	0.58
Global	51.1	54.4	+0.8	0.83
European	54.8	58.3●	+0.2	1.28
Japan	54.7	58.6●	-1.0	0.50
CAPEL (JAMES) MANAGEMENT PO Box 551 Bevis Marks London EC3 7JQ 01-621 0011				
Capital	358.3	381.9●	-1.4	1.65
Income	272.1	289.5●	+2.1	5.43
North American	292.6	311.3	+1.3	0.91
CATER ALLEN 1, King William St, EC4N 7AU 01-623 6314				
Gilt Trust	92.8	98.7c	-0.2	12.01
CENTRAL BOARD OF FINANCE OF CHURCH OF ENGLAND 2, Fore Street, London EC2Y 5AQ 01-588 1815				
Inv Fund	400.9		..	4.54
Fixed Int	133.3	e	..	10.73
Deposit	100.0		..	9.70
CHASE MANHATTAN FUND MANAGERS 72/73 Basinghall Street, London EC2V 5DP 01-606 6622				
S & C Special Sits	54.3	57.8	..	0.66
CHARITIES OFFICIAL INVESTMENT FUND 2, Fore Street, London EC2Y 5AQ 01-588 1815				
Income	367.32	●	..	5.17
Accum	£10.712		..	..
Deposit	100.0		..	10.30
CLERICAL MEDICAL UNIT TRUST MANAGERS Narrow Plain, Bristol BS2 0JH 0800 373393				
Amer Growth	24.0	25.5	+0.1	1.90
Equity High Income	41.8	44.3	-0.2	4.70
European Growth	30.6	32.4●	+0.4	2.00
General Equity	37.4	39.6	+0.2	2.70
Gilt & Fixed Int Gth	27.1	28.6	-0.1	3.60
Gilt & Fixed Inc	22.5	23.7●	-0.1	9.50
Index Securities	24.2	25.5	-0.1	2.40
Japan Growth	30.8	32.6	+0.1	0.90
Pedigree Gth	23.4	24.8	+0.2	2.50
COUNTY UT MANAGERS LTD 161, Cheapside, London EC2V 6EU 01-726 1999				
Energy Trust	49.1	51.9	+0.2	3.91
Extra Income	158.9	168.2●	-0.7	5.59
Financial	164.6	174.2	-0.9	2.29
Gilt Strategy	55.8	57.4	+0.1	2.13
Growth Investment	278.3	294.8	-3.1	2.34
Income & Growth	40.8	43.1c	+0.4	4.56
Japanese Growth	171.8	181.8●	-1.1	0.66
Nth Amer Growth	106.9	113.2c	+0.3	1.48
Intl Recovery	116.1	122.8	+1.4	1.64
Smaller Co's	213.4	225.9	-0.9	2.46
Global Inc Tst	61.0	64.6●	+0.2	5.37
Special Sits Acc	288.6	305.5	-0.1	1.36
CROWN UNIT TRUST SERVICES Crown House, Woking GU21 1XW 04862 5033				
High Income Trust	236.1	251.2●	-0.9	5.17
Growth Trust	216.3	230.1	-0.8	3.13
American Trust	126.9	135.0	+1.0	0.74
CRUSADER UNIT TRUST MANAGERS LTD Reigate, Surrey RH2 8BL 07372 42424				
UK Income	46.9	50.2	..	4.47
UK Growth Accum	45.8	49.0	-0.3	2.43
Do Dist	45.8	49.0	-0.3	2.43
European Growth	56.8	60.5	+0.4	1.83
Pacific Growth	49.9	53.4	+0.3	
EFM UNIT TRUST MANAGERS 4, Melville Crescent, Edinburgh 031-226 3492				
American Fund	72.7	77.4c	-0.2	2.19
Capital Fund	95.5	101.7	-1.4	1.67
Growth & Inc Fund	125.8	133.9	+1.1	4.48
High Dist Fund	107.4	114.3c	+0.1	5.91
International Fund	203.8	217.0	+1.0	1.04
Resources Fund	24.9	26.5	-0.2	0.38
Smlr Jap Co's Fnd	34.1	36.3	-0.1	..
Tokyo Fund	151.2	161.0	+0.5	0.00
(Ex) Amer (2)	144.5	149.3●	..	3.69
(Ex) Japan (3)	101.1	104.3	..	0.20
(Ex) Pacific (4)	305.0	314.9	..	0.31
(Ex) Smaller Jap (4)	197.6	204.0●	..	0.10
Eurofund	28.2	30.0	..	3.33
EAGLE STAR UNIT TRUST MANAGERS Bath Road, Cheltenham, Gloucester GL53 7LQ 0242 521311				
UK Balanced Inc	69.0	73.2	+0.1	2.74
Do Accum	70.1	74.4	+0.1	2.69
UK Growth Accum	86.3	91.6	-0.4	1.66
UK High Inc Inc	65.4	70.4c	+0.3	5.14
N American Accum	68.1	72.2	+0.5	1.50
Far Eastern Accum	99.2	105.3	+0.7	0.00
European Accum	89.0	94.4	+1.0	1.14
UK Gilt & FI Inc	51.2	54.3	-0.2	8.81
Do Accum	52.8	56.0	-0.1	8.55
ENDURANCE FUND MANAGEMENT LTD Admin Centre, Hexagon House, 28, Western Road, Romford RM1 3LB 0708-66966				
Endurance	106.4	113.9●	..	3.15
EQUITABLE UNITS ADMINISTRATION 35, Fountain St, Manchester 061-236 5685				
Equitable Pelican	73.2	77.9●	-0.3	3.24
High Income Trust	75.6	80.5c	-0.4	5.08
Gilt & Fixed Int	48.5	51.7	-0.2	8.20
Tst Of Inv Trusts	64.3	68.4	+0.5	1.80
Special Sits Trust	72.6	77.3	-0.1	2.45
Nth Amer Trust	59.5	63.4	+0.4	1.66
Far Eastern Trust	87.4	93.0	+1.7	0.49
Intl Growth	52.7	56.1	+0.5	1.07
EQUITY & LAW St. George Hse Corporation St. Coventry CV1 1SD 0203 553231				
UK Growth Accum	144.5	153.8●	..	3.92
Do Income	123.9	131.8●	..	3.92
Higher Inc Accum	240.8	256.1●	..	5.21
Do Income	190.3	202.1●	..	5.21
Gilts/Fixed Accum	93.8	98.7	..	8.92
Do Income	77.7	81.7	..	8.92
Nth Amer Tst Accum	134.6	143.1●	..	0.36
Far East Tst Accum	158.6	168.7●	..	0.42
Euro Tst Accum	167.9	178.6●	..	1.27
General Trust	232.1	246.9●	..	3.61
F & C UNIT MANAGEMENT 1, Laurence Pountney Hill, London EC4R 0BA 01-623 4680				
US Smaller Co's	72.0	76.6●	+0.6	0.28
Capital Fund	106.9	113.8●	+0.3	0.33
Income Fund	75.0	79.8●	+0.2	4.97
Far Eastern Fund	71.5	76.2	+0.6	0.27
Overseas Income	74.8	79.6	..	3.45
Fixed Interest	56.4	60.0	..	9.00
Natural Res Fund	47.9	51.0	-0.3	3.40
European Income	86.2	90.7	+0.3	2.78
Financials Fund	47.1	50.2	..	2.89
FS INVESTMENT MANAGERS 190, West George St, Glasgow G2 2PA 041-332 3132				
Balanced Gth Inc	45.4	48.2●	-0.8	1.40
Do Accum	44.2	47.3●	-0.8	..
Income Gth Inc	40.1	42.7	-0.1	5.00
Do Accum	42.0	44.7	-0.2	..
Service Co's Inc	50.0	53.2c	+0.4	1.00
Do Accum	50.5	53.7c	+0.3	..
FIDELITY INVESTMENT SERVICES LTD River Walk, Tonbridge, TN9 1DY 0732 361144				
American	104.3	111.6c	+0.8	0.86
Amer Equity Income	34.6	37.1c	+0.4	4.50
Amer Special Sits	53.6	57.1	+0.6	1.03
Australia	29.7	31.5●	-0.1	0.76
European	43.6	46.4	-0.2	0.00
Far East Inc	36.9	38.1	..	4.05
Gilt & Fixed Int	28.3	29.5●	-0.1	10.00
Growth & Income	91.9	98.3	-1.6	4.89
Japan Special Sits	35.4	37.7	-1.5	..
Japan	124.9	133.6	-4.8	..
Managed Intl	136.6	146.0	-1.1	0.01
Max Income Equity	78.4	84.4	-0.9	5.40
Professional Gth	31.5	33.7	..	2.46
South East Asia	40.3	42.9●	+0.3	0.21
Special Sits	160.6	172.7	-1.5	0.75
FLEMING (ROBERT) 8, Crosby Sq, London EC3A 6AN 01-638 5858				
American Exempt	£335.2	360.9●	..	1.66
Japan Exempt	£427.5	455.5	..	1.00
Am Property Tst	$10000.0		..	5.00
Property Trust	£2023.0	●	..	5.80
FRAMLINGTON UNIT MANAGEMENT 3, London Wall Bldgs, London Wall, London EC2M 5NQ 01-628 5181				
Amer & Gen Inc	220.6	233.4	+2.8	..
Do Accum	225.2	238.2	+2.7	..
Amer Turnarnd Inc	210.0	222.2	+2.1	1.22
Do Accum	217.8	230.4	+2.1	1.22
Capital Tst Inc	198.4	209.8●	+0.4	2.39
Do Accum	241.6	255.8●	+0.6	2.39
Conv & Gilt Inc	86.0	91.0	+0.3	5.42
Do Accum	114.4	121.0	+0.4	5.42
Extra Inc Tst Inc	161.6	170.8	+0.4	4.78
Do Accum	175.2	185.2	+0.4	4.78
Income Trust	116.2	122.8	+0.6	4.28
Do Accum	122.2	129.2	+0.8	4.28
Int Growth Fd Inc	161.4	170.0●	+0.2	..
Do Accum	179.2	188.8●	+0.2	..
Japan & Gen Inc	84.8	89.6	+0.2	0.07
Do Accum	85.6	90.4	..	0.07
Monthly Income Fd	80.8	85.2●	+0.2	5.00
Recovery	141.0	149.2	+0.7	1.53
Do Accum	153.6	162.4	+1.2	1.53
European Inc	65.2	68.8	+0.5	0.82
Do Accum	65.2	68.8	+0.5	0.82
FRIENDS PROVIDENT MANAGERS Pixham End, Dorking, Surrey 0306 885055				
FP Equity Dist	194.5	206.4c	+0.5	2.84
Do Accum	324.2	344.1c	+0.9	2.84
FP Fixed Int Dist	107.0	113.8c	-0.1	6.31
Do Accum	121.3	128.6c	-0.2	6.31
Stewardship Dist	170.6	181.1c	-0.4	1.73
Do Accum	176.2	187.0c	-0.4	1.73
FUNDS IN COURT Public Trustee Kingsway WC2 01-405 4300				
Capital	355.4	365.6●	..	2.74
Gross Inc	145.5	151.9	..	7.84
High Yield	215.6	220.1	..	8.07
GT UNIT MANAGERS 8th Floor, 8, Devonshire Sq, London EC2M 4YJ 01-283 2575 Dealing 01-626 9431				
Amer Special Sits	62.1	66.1	+0.6	1.20
UK Cap Fnd Inc	97.1	103.4	+0.4	3.00
Do Accum	139.5	148.5	+0.6	3.00
Income Fund	76.7	81.7	..	6.30
Pension Exempt	175.0	182.3	+0.8	1.90
International	171.1	182.1	+1.3	0.90
US & General	56.0	59.6c	+0.4	1.00
Tech & Growth	62.1	66.1	+0.6	1.20
Japan & General	214.5	228.2	+1.0	0.10
Far East & Gen	116.1	123.6	-0.1	0.40
European Fund	270.8	287.9	+4.2	0.30
Germany Fund	74.7	79.5●	+1.3	0.90
Intl Inc Fund	80.4	83.7c	..	4.80
GARTMORE FUND MANAGERS 2, St Mary Axe, London EC3A 8BP 01-623 1212 Dealing 01-623 5766 Dealing 01-623 5806				
American Trust	85.1	90.1	-0.3	0.30
Australian Trust	24.7	26.1	-0.5	0.25
British Tst Accum	59.7	63.2	+0.4	1.91
Do Dist	51.6	54.7	+0.3	1.91
Commodity Share	70.5	74.7	+0.3	1.58
European Trust	55.9	59.2	+0.5	0.29
Extra Income Trust	49.2	52.1c	+0.1	5.13
Far Eastern Trust	143.9	152.3●	+1.0	0.00
Fixed Interest Trust	25.7	27.2●	+0.1	10.54
Intl Fixed Int Tst	24.9	26.4●	..	8.70
Global Fund Accum	182.8	193.5c	+1.7	0.18
Do Dist	174.2	184.4c	+1.7	0.18
Gold Share Trust	14.7	15.8	-0.1	1.57
Hedged American	30.3	32.5	-0.1	0.10
High Income Trust	142.2	150.5	..	5.75
Hong Kong Trust	36.4	38.6	+1.2	0.87
Income Fund	75.6	80.1	+0.3	3.21
Insurance Agencies	£47.97	50.15	+0.70	2.09
Japan Trust	117.6	124.5	..	0.00
Managed Exempt	282.0	292.6●	-1.7	2.48
Oil & Energy Trust	35.5	37.7	+0.1	2.00
Special Sits Trust	95.3	100.9●	+1.3	0.86
UK Smlr Co's Rec Tst	73.5	77.8●	+0.1	0.85
GOVETT (JOHN) UNIT MANAGEMENT Winchester Hse, 77, London Wall, London EC2N 1DA 01-588 5620				
Intl Growth	80.2	85.3	+0.4	1.23
American Growth	65.2	69.3	+0.2	0.90
American Inc	71.7	76.2●	+0.4	4.50
European Growth	239.2	254.4●	+0.9	0.46
Gold & Minerals	46.1	49.0	+0.2	0.70
Japan Growth	149.2	158.5	+3.2	..
GRE UNIT MANAGERS Royal Exchange, EC3P 3DN 01-588 9903				
Gilt & Fixed Int	110.0	114.2	-0.1	9.79
Growth Equity	193.5	204.8	-1.4	2.12
Guardhill	267.9	277.5	-3.2	2.98
N American	145.2	153.7●	+1.8	1.36
Pacific	239.7	253.7●	+4.5	0.12
Property Share	273.6	289.6	+1.5	1.37
Smaller Companies	211.2	223.5●	-1.4	1.74
European Trust	268.6	284.3	+0.9	0.99
GUINNESS MAHON UNIT TRUST MANAGERS PO Box 442, 32 St Mary-at-Hill, London EC3P 3AJ 01-623 9333				
High Income	49.2	52.8●	..	6.73
N Amer Trust	109.1	116.1●	..	0.80
Recovery	220.2	234.3●	..	2.16
Gilt Trust	36.4	37.7c	..	9.65
St Vincent Inc	80.6	86.2	..	5.46
St Vincent US Gth	74.6	77.8	..	0.74
Temple Bar Sm Co's	171.5	180.9	..	3.52
Temple Bar USM	368.5	398.0c	..	3.37
Euro Gth Tst	47.1	49.9	..	0.80
HAMBROS BANK UNIT TRUST MANAGERS Premier UT Admin, 5, Rayleigh Rd, Brentwood Essex 0277 217916				
Hambros Smlr Co's	132.0	139.7	+0.2	1.85
Hambros N Amer	84.4	89.1	+0.6	0.95
Hambros Jap & F E	120.0	127.0●	+0.7	0.47
Hambros Scandvn	85.8	90.8	-0.1	0.85
Hambros European	105.0	111.1	+1.2	0.83
Hambros Canadian	49.8	52.5●	+0.2	1.24
Hambros Equity Inc	84.6	90.0	..	4.82
Hambros High Inc	57.8	61.2●	+0.3	5.72
Hambros Res Assts	60.7	64.2	+0.1	1.98
Hambros Intl Sits	53.5	56.8	-0.3	0.66
HENDERSON Premier UT Administration 5, Rayleigh Rd, Hutton Brentwood Essex 0277-217238				
Amer Recovery Tst	107.1	114.1c	+0.1	0.86
Amer Smaller Co's	48.8	52.0●	..	0.01
Australian	80.2	85.4●	-0.3	1.24
Capital Growth Inc	54.0	57.5●	+0.4	1.82
Do Accum	62.7	66.8●	+0.5	1.82
European	267.7	284.8●	+3.0	1.00
Euro Smaller Co's	104.2	110.8●	+0.7	0.08
Extra Income	162.8	173.2●	+1.0	4.87
Financial Trust	150.5	160.1	-2.9	2.88
Growth Hong Kong	61.6	65.5	+0.1	5.15
Fixed Interest Tst	49.9	52.9●	..	10.03
Gilt Trust	40.7	43.1c	-0.1	9.33
Global Healthcare	67.0	71.4	-0.4	0.01
Global Resources	78.0	83.1	-1.1	1.87
Global Tech	110.5	118.9	+1.0	0.01
Global Inc & Gth	61.6	65.6	+0.1	5.15
Gold	49.9	53.1	-1.0	2.92
High Income Tst	175.9	187.3c	+1.1	4.90
Hong Kong	66.4	70.6	+3.7	1.63
Income & Growth Inc	141.7	150.7	+1.5	3.46
Do Accum	277.1	294.8	+12.8	3.46
Income Assets	105.8	112.5	+1.1	4.05
International	174.5	185.9●	+1.3	0.59
Japan Special Sits	162.2	172.7●	-0.1	0.01
Japan Tst	156.4	166.6	-0.9	0.01
North American	139.7	148.8	+0.5	0.86
Pacific Smaller Co's	77.6	82.5●	+1.8	0.84
Pref & Gilt	45.5	48.5●	-0.1	9.85
Recovery Tst	95.7	101.9	+0.5	2.58
Singapore & Malay	36.3	38.7	+1.2	2.12
Smaller Co's Div	110.1	117.3●	+3.0	4.95
Special Sits Inc	127.4	135.7	-1.1	1.56
Do Accum	180.4	192.1	-1.1	1.56
Worldwide	363.8	383.9●	-1.0	2.84
Euro Exempt	131.4	137.3●	+0.4	1.34
Global Tech Exempt	92.9	97.6	+0.4	0.28
High Income Exempt	119.9	126.2	+1.7	4.93
Japan Exempt	156.5	164.7	-0.5	0.76
N Amer Exempt	87.7	92.3	+0.5	1.34
Pacific Exempt	197.0	207.4●	+6.3	1.30
Smaller Co's Exempt	118.2	122.3	+1.3	2.15
Euro Inc Tst	50.0		..	4.50
HILL SAMUEL UNIT TRUST MANAGERS NLA Tower, Addiscombe Road, Croydon 01-686 4355 01-628 8011				
British Trust Units	532.8	563.9	-3.3	3.19
Capital Trust Units	99.6	105.4	+0.7	2.77
Dollar Trust Units	188.2	199.2●	+1.7	2.43
European Trust	148.4	158.0	+0.3	0.99
Far East Trust	133.7	141.5	+2.7	0.59
Financial Trust	363.8	385.0●	+0.1	2.73
Gilt Fixed Int Inc	27.0	28.1	..	10.23
Do Growth	40.3	42.7	-0.2	7.98
High Yield Trust	64.0	67.8	-0.4	5.20
Income Trust	80.3	85.0c	+1.6	4.77
International	134.8	142.5	+1.6	1.61
Japan Tech Tst	38.4	40.7	-0.4	0.06
Natural Resources	35.8	37.9●	-0.1	1.99
Security Trust	179.0	189.5	-1.8	3.26
Smaller Cos	86.5	91.7●	-1.4	1.97
Special Sits	81.2	86.6	+1.4	2.81
US Smaller Cos	24.0	25.5	+0.5	0.96
IBI FUND MANAGERS 32, Queen Annes Gate, London SW1H 9AB 01-222 1000				
IBI Brit & O'seas	137.0	145.8c	..	1.70
IBI Inc Plus	54.0	57.5●	..	9.80
IBI Capital Growth	54.2	57.7●	..	2.00
Investment Tst Fnd	72.0	76.6●	..	3.40
KEY FUND MANAGERS 35, Fountain Street, Manchester 061-236 5685 or 0303-3384				
Equity & Gen	43.1	46.4a	-0.2	1.96
Fixed Int	61.3	65.0	..	10.84
Higher Inc	119.2	127.5	+0.1	5.04
Income	48.5	51.8	+0.3	3.75
International	265.3	283.7	-0.6	1.00
KLEINWORT BENSON 20, Fenchurch St, London EC3 01-623 8000				
Amer Growth Accum	67.8	71.5	+1.2	..
Fund Inv Tst Inc	20.7	21.9●	-0.1	1.98
Do Accum	26.4	27.9	-0.2	..
High Yield Inc	127.4	134.4	+0.1	5.34
Do Accum	212.2	223.9	+0.1	..
Int Recovery Inc	103.2	108.9	-0.4	2.29
Do Accum	108.7	114.7	-0.4	..
Japan Growth Inc	94.0	99.2	-3.4	0.57
Do Accum	94.3	99.5	-3.5	..
Smaller Co's Inc	158.4	167.1●	+0.1	1.84
Do Accum	206.8	218.2	+0.1	..
UK Eq Growth Inc	26.8	28.3	-0.1	0.86
Do Accum	44.4	48.8	-0.2	..
Worldwide Tech Inc	39.4	41.6	-0.1	1.08
Do Accum	39.7	41.9	-0.1	..
L & C UNIT TRUST MANAGEMENT Percy House, Copthall Ave, EC2R 7BE 01-588 2800				
Income Fund	431.6	440.5	..	5.47
International & Gen	255.5	260.8	..	1.03
LEGAL & GENERAL UNIT TRUST MANAGERS 5, Rayleigh Road, Brentwood Essex 0277 234634				
Equity Distribution	261.8	278.5	+0.1	2.49
Do Accum	414.0	440.4	+0.2	2.49
Do Income	58.5	62.2	..	5.24
European	76.3	81.2	+0.8	1.11
Far Eastern	108.3	115.2●	+0.4	0.47
Gilt Trust	70.4	74.5●	-0.3	7.74
O'seas Equity	83.7	89.0	+0.8	0.83
Natural Res	69.5	73.9●	-0.3	1.04
N American Trust	80.6	85.7	+0.9	1.44
UK Special Sits	60.4	64.3	+0.6	1.37
International Bond	..	..	..	..
Japanese Tst	..	..	..	..
Managed Tst	..	..	..	..
LLOYDS BANK UNIT TRUST MANAGERS Registrars Dpt, Goring-By-Sea, Worthing, W Sussex 0444 459144				
Balanced	178.7	190.1c	+1.9	3.24
Do Accum	318.2	338.5c	+3.4	3.24
Energy Intl	52.4	55.7	+0.2	2.87
Do Accum	58.7	62.4	+0.2	2.87
Extra Income	155.4	165.3	-0.6	5.29
Do Accum	280.5	298.4	-0.9	5.29
German Gth Inc	74.3	79.0●	+1.2	0.36
Do Accum	74.6	79.3●	+1.2	0.36
Income	261.3	277.9●	+2.4	4.83
Do Accum	525.0	558.5●	+4.8	4.83
Intl Tech	188.6	198.7	+0.1	0.32
Do Accum	195.1	207.5	+0.1	0.32
Japan Growth	74.8	79.5	..	0.02
Do Accum	75.0	79.7	..	0.02
N Amer & Gen	103.3	109.8	..	1.06
Do Accum	111.6	118.7	+0.1	1.06
Pacific Basin	132.5	140.9	+0.5	0.34
Do Accum	138.3	147.1	+0.5	0.34
Smaller Cos & Rec	186.6	198.5●	-1.0	2.03
Do Accum	210.8	224.2●	-1.1	2.03
Worldwide Growth	205.1	218.1	+1.2	0.86
Do Accum	288.3	306.7	+1.7	0.86
UK Growth Fund	46.8	49.5	-0.1	2.02
LONDON & MANCHESTER Winslade Park, Exeter EX5 1DS 0392 52155				
General Trust	42.5	45.6c	..	3.70
Income Trust	35.0	37.5●	..	6.50
International Trust	35.5	38.0	..	0.70
American	31.9	34.2	..	2.00
Japan	42.5	45.5	..	0.00
Trust of Inv	29.6	31.7●	..	2.30
M & G SECURITIES Three Quays, Tower Hill EC3R 6BQ 01-626 4588				
Amer & Gen Inc	220.1	236.5	+2.2	1.42
Do Accum	256.7	275.9	+2.6	1.42
Amer Recovery	243.6	263.3●	+2.8	0.55
Do Accum	266.7	288.0●	+3.9	0.55
Am Smaller Co Acc	58.7	61.0	+0.9	0.46
Australia Acc	118.6	125.1	-1.0	0.73
Commodity Acc	235.2	250.5	-1.8	3.20
Compound Growth	460.7	487.2	-1.3	3.38
Conversion Growth	321.9	340.1	-1.2	2.85
Do Inc	183.5	193.6	-1.7	6.12
Dividend Fund Inc	405.5	428.9	-3.5	5.21
Do Accum	£11.92	12.56	-0.08	5.21
European Acc	280.2	298.6	-0.5	0.92
Extra Yield Inc	221.9	234.1●	-1.7	5.82
Do Accum	466.8	493.6●	-3.8	5.82
Far Eastern Inc	156.4	167.4	+4.8	1.28
Do Accum	191.3	204.7	+4.9	1.29
Fund Of Inv Inc	248.1	262.9	-1.2	2.63
Do Acc	381.5	413.0	-1.9	2.63
General Income	619.7	653.8	-4.4	3.85
Do Accum	£10.13	10.86	-0.05	3.85
Gilt & Fixed Int	58.9	59.7	-0.2	10.07
Do Accum	87.5	92.8	-0.2	10.07
Gold Income	43.1	45.1	-3.6	2.77
Do Accum	46.0	48.2	-2.6	2.77
High Income Inc	312.3	332.6	-1.7	5.92
Do Accum	845.9	900.9	-4.8	5.92
Intl Growth Inc	755.0	800.3	-0.8	1.67
Do Accum	£12.15	12.99	+0.01	1.67
Intl Inc	60.5	64.1●	-0.3	5.47
Japan Acc	764.4	848.0	-0.7	0.17
Japan Smaller Acc	81.0	86.3	+0.5	..
Midland & Gen Inc	553.2	593.7●	-14.0	4.22
Do Accum	£12.98	14.75●	-0.12	4.22
Recovery Fund Inc	358.8	382.5	-3.3	3.50
Do Accum	461.8	488.5	-4.1	3.50
Second Gen Inc	708.2	747.8	-4.2	3.89
Do Accum	£13.86	14.76	-0.08	3.89
Smaller Cos Inc	652.7	701.7	-5.2	2.91
Do Accum	£10.29	11.05	-0.08	2.91
Trustee Fund Inc	440.0	469.6●	-12.2	4.54
Charibond Inc (3)	105.1	c	..	11.72
Charifund Inc (2)	387.7	401.7	..	5.89
Pension Exempt (1)	458.2	475.6●	-13.5	4.49
NAACIF Inc (3)	37.3	c	..	8.85
Do Accum (3)	457.5		..	8.85
MIM BRITANNIA UNIT TRUST MANAGERS LTD 74/78, Finsbury Pavement, London EC2A 1JD 01-588 2777 Dealing:01-638 0478/9				
UK Specialist Trusts				
Growth Gilt	58.5	59.4	+0.2	0.42
Smaller Co's	133.8	142.0	..	1.37
UK Market Features	79.4	84.2●	+0.3	1.87
Do Accum	83.0	88.1●	+0.3	1.87
General Funds				
UK Growth	37.0	39.3c	-0.5	2.21
Managed Inv	57.8	61.3	+0.3	2.66
High Income Funds				
Extra Inc	55.1	58.5	+0.5	7.86
Gilt	24.5	25.8	-0.1	8.26
Inc & Growth	193.4	205.2●	+1.4	4.34
Nat High Inc	190.7	202.3●	+1.8	4.82
Pref Shares	17.4	18.5	-0.1	10.75
Sector Specialist Funds				
Commodity	145.5	155.4c	-0.4	2.22
Financial Secs	43.2	46.0	+0.5	2.20
Gold	34.7	36.7●	+0.3	0.60
Do Accum	58.6	60.7●	-0.1	0.59
Int Leisure	14.9	15.6	+0.2	0.57
Prop Shares	62.7	65.9●	+0.1	1.12
Univ Energy	43.6	46.3	+0.1	1.80
World Tech	42.5	45.1	+0.3	0.84
Exempt Funds				
Exempt	93.7	97.2a	+0.7	3.67
Overseas Growth Fund				
Amer Growth	102.4	108.7●	+0.4	3.00
Aust Growth	77.4	82.1●	-0.8	1.50
European Perf	90.5	95.0●	+0.6	0.93
Do Accum	90.8	95.3●	+0.6	0.92
Euro Smaller	17.0	18.0●	+0.3	0.18
Far East	56.6	60.1	-0.1	0.73
Hong Kong	32.7	34.7	+1.0	1.91
Intl Growth	37.0	39.3●	+0.6	1.49
Intl Recovery	108.0	114.8●	-0.1	2.52
Japan Perf	69.0	73.2	+0.2	0.00
Japan Smaller Cos	14.9	15.8●	+0.1	0.00
US Small Co	68.5	72.7c	+0.7	0.00
Do Accum	69.2	73.4c	+0.6	0.00
Overseas Income Funds				
Intl High Inc	56.6	60.0●	+0.1	5.01
US Income	59.5	63.1	+0.2	5.39
Do Accum	64.6	68.5	+0.2	4.96
NEL Trusts				
Nelstar Gilt	87.7	89.4	-0.3	10.85
MLA UNIT TRUST MANAGEMENT 99-100, Sandling Rd, Maidstone, Kent ME14 1XX 0622 674751				
MLA American	24.4	25.8	..	0.96
MLA General	32.8	34.7	+0.1	2.15
MLA International	56.7	60.1●	-0.3	0.86
MLA Gilt Unit	21.9	23.2c	..	11.20
MLA Income	39.7	42.0c	-0.4	5.35
MLA European	31.7	33.6●	+0.1	0.74
MANULIFE MANAGEMENT St Georges Way, Stevenage Herts 0438 356101				
Growth Units	73.3	77.9	..	3.03
Gilt & Fixed Int	104.6	109.3	..	7.80
High Income Units	110.8	117.8	..	5.29
High Yield Gilt Unit	55.9	57.9	..	9.33
Intl Growth Units	132.4	140.7	..	0.88
N American Units	68.5	73.9	..	0.89
Far East Units	92.4	98.2	..	0.06
Smaller Cos Fund	67.8	72.0	..	2.29
MENCAP UNIT TRUST Unicorn Hse, 252, Romford Rd, E7 01-234 5544				
Mencap	130.0	137.5●	-1.4	4.88
MERCURY FUND MANAGERS LTD 33, King William St, EC4R 9AS 01-280 2860				
Amer Growth	95.5	101.1c	+0.8	1.17
Do Accum	99.5	105.2c	+0.8	1.17
Amer Income	51.4	54.3●	+0.4	4.26
Do Accum	54.9	58.0●	+0.4	4.26
European Growth	139.4	148.4	-0.1	1.07
Do Accum	143.3	151.5	..	1.07
General	236.3	250.0	+0.3	2.35
Do Accum	389.0	410.5	+0.5	2.35
Gilt & Fixed	81.9	82.3	-0.2	8.36
Do Accum	92.3	92.7	-0.2	8.36
Income	82.4	87.1	+0.3	4.80
Do Accum	91.9	97.2	+0.3	4.80
International	255.4	270.2	+1.2	1.24
Do Accum	318.7	336.1	+1.5	1.24
Japan	162.2	174.4	+0.2	0.00
Do Accum	166.0	178.4	+0.1	0.00
Recovery	187.5	198.4●	..	2.56
Do Accum	202.3	214.0●	..	2.56
Exempt Dist	234.6	241.8	..	2.91
Exempt Accum	363.7	374.9	..	2.91
MIDLAND BANK GROUP UNIT TRUST MANAGERS Courtwood Hse, Silver St, Head, Sheffield S1 3RD 0742 769842				
Capital Income	75.7	80.3	..	2.63
Do Accum	103.2	109.6	+0.2	2.63
Commodity & Gen	125.2	132.8c	-1.2	2.76
Do Accum	176.8	187.5c	-1.8	2.76
Extra High Inc	57.0	60.4●	-0.4	8.24
Do Accum	67.4	71.5●	-0.5	8.24
Gilt & Fixed Inc	50.7	52.9	-0.1	9.59
Do Accum	83.9	87.6	-0.3	9.59
High Yield	154.5	163.9c	-0.6	5.76
Do Accum	262.4	278.4c	-1.0	5.76
Income	167.8	178.0	+0.2	3.98
Do Accum	277.9	294.8	+0.3	3.98
Japan & Pacific	266.7	282.9	+1.6	0.09
Do Accum	278.8	295.8	+1.8	0.09
N American Inc	115.3	122.3	+0.5	1.18
Do Accum	138.1	146.5	+0.6	1.18
Euro Gth Inc	130.2	138.1	+0.9	1.42
Do Accum	156.2	165.7	+1.2	1.42
Managed Portfolio	51.2	54.1	-0.5	3.74
Smaller Cos Inc	112.6	119.4	+0.2	2.32
Do Accum	120.2	127.5	-0.2	2.32
MURRAY JOHNSTONE UNIT TRUST MANAGEMENT 163, Hope Street, Glasgow G2 2UH 041 221 5252				
American	121.0	129.1	+0.7	3.16
European	265.4	283.3●	+2.1	1.14
Smaller Cos	211.4	225.6c	-2.5	1.04
NATIONAL PROVIDENT INVESTMENT MANAGERS 48, Gracechurch St, EC3P 3HH 01-623 4200 Ext 289				
NPI UK	192.9	205.3c	-1.1	2.80
Do Accum	311.8	331.5c	-1.8	2.80
NPI Overseas	620.3	659.9c	-5.1	0.90
Do Accum	759.6	808.1c	-6.3	0.90
Far East Acc	87.2	92.8	-2.0	0.10
American Acc	61.5	65.5	+1.9	1.10
European Acc	56.9	60.6a	..	0.80
Worldwide Acc	54.6	58.1●	+0.8	2.40
NORWICH UT MANAGERS PO Box 4, Norwich NR1 3NG 0603 622200				
Group Trust	£11.91	12.54	-0.05	3.17
Intl Trust	135.3	143.5●	-1.2	1.36
OPPENHEIMER TRUST MANAGEMENT 66, Cannon Street, London EC4N 6AE dealings 01-236 3885/6/7/8/9/0				
International Growth	148.5	158.7	-0.7	0.70
Income & Growth	57.4	61.4●	..	2.87
Worldwide Rec	92.0	98.4	-0.9	0.41
American Growth	32.9	35.2●	+0.4	..
Japan Growth	52.7	56.1c	+0.3	0.00
European Growth	71.8	76.8	-0.1	1.21
UK Growth	52.4	56.1	-0.3	0.17
Pacific Growth	44.5	47.4	-0.2	..
High Income	33.8	36.0●	-0.4	7.00
Practical Income	56.6	59.2●	-0.4	1.78
Do Accum	102.1	108.7●	+0.7	1.78
PEARL TRUST 252, High Holborn, WC1V 7EB 01-405 8441				
Growth Fund Inc	88.0	93.6	-0.7	2.22
Do Accum	132.2	140.6	-1.0	2.22
Income Fund	117.4	124.9●	-0.8	5.67
Intl Equity Inc	125.1	133.1●	+0.3	1.49
Do Accum	136.3	144.9●	+0.2	1.49
Unit Trust Inc	125.4	133.4	-0.6	2.92
Do Accum	217.0	230.9	-1.2	2.92
PERPETUAL UNIT TRUST 48, Hart Street, Henley On Thames 0491 576868				
Intl Growth	271.4	288.7●	+3.2	0.73
Income	184.6	196.5●	-0.6	4.31
Worldwide Rec	149.1	158.2	+1.5	1.34
Amer Growth	68.8	73.5	+2.1	0.85
Intl Emerg Co's	77.3	82.6	+0.5	0.57
Far East Grwth	79.0	84.4	+1.4	0.83
European Gth	80.1	84.2c	+0.1	1.30
PROLIFIC UNIT TRUSTS 222, Bishopsgate, London EC2 01-247 7544/7				
International	116.7	127.0●	+1.1	0.97
High Income	80.4	84.6c	-0.8	4.49
Conv & Gilt	97.4	104.2	-0.1	8.08
Far Eastern	167.5	180.2●	-1.6	0.23
North American	123.8	135.4●	+1.4	0.61
Special Sits	67.3	72.4●	+0.3	1.89
Technology	111.7	120.2	+2.1	0.00
Extra Income	87.5	94.1●	-0.2	4.67
PRUDENTIAL UNIT TRUST MANAGERS 51-59, Ilford Hill, Ilford Essex, IG1 2DL 01-478 3377				
Holborn Equity	388.6	411.2●	+1.4	3.34
European	108.4	114.7	+0.7	0.53
Holborn Comms	55.1	58.1	..	0.85
Holborn High Inc	83.5	87.1●	+0.1	5.54
Holborn Intl	102.4	108.3	+0.8	0.78
Japanese	90.8	95.5	+0.5	0.05
N American	78.7	81.1	+0.6	0.82
Holborn Spec Sits	61.6	64.9	+0.9	2.12
Holborn UK Growth	78.9	83.4	+0.5	2.18
Holborn Gilt Trust	177.1	184.6	-0.3	2.61
Holborn Smlr Cos	48.1	50.8	..	2.23
QUILTER MANAGEMENT COMPANY 31-45 Gresham St, London EC2V 7LH 01-600 4177				
Quadrant General	427.5	452.4●	..	2.90
Quadrant Income	237.1	250.9	..	5.22
Quadrant Intl Fd	408.9	432.8	-6.0	1.60
Quadrant Recovery	252.8	267.8●	..	2.61
RM ROTHSCHILD ASSET MANAGEMENT St Swithins Lane, London EC4P 4DU 01-280 5456				
NC Income	86.6	92.1c	-0.1	4.07
NC Japan	171.6	182.5	-2.4	0.01
NC Major UK Co	49.3	52.4c	-0.1	2.02
NC Smaller Aus	82.5	86.4	+0.5	1.44
NC American Inc	278.2	295.9	+2.9	1.20
Do Accum	303.9	323.1	+3.2	1.20
NC Smaller Cos	138.7	147.5●	+0.6	2.00
NC Smlr Europ Co's	191.7	203.9	+0.6	0.39
NC Exempt Gilt	£117.0	122.0●	..	9.36
ROWAN UNIT TRUST 33 King William Street, London EC4R 9AS 01-606 5470				
American (4)	220.5	224.5●	..	1.98
Securities (2)	689.0	704.0	..	2.26
High Yield (3)	166.0	169.5	..	6.73
Merlin (3)	404.0	412.0	..	2.29
Fixed Interest	157.0	159.0	..	2.61
High Interest	111.5	112.5●	..	13.80
Far East (2)	217.0	220.5	..	0.06
ROYAL LIFE FUND MANAGEMENT New Hall Place, Liverpool L69 3HS 051-227 4422				
Equity Trust	80.0	83.4c	+0.2	2.85
Intl Trust	79.4	79.7	+0.6	1.42
Gilt Trust	34.7	36.0	-0.1	8.84
US Trust	33.4	35.3●	+0.1	1.71
Pacific Basin Tst	43.4	46.3●	+0.3	0.41
20 Clifton St, London EC2 01-620 0311				
Equity Dist	111.1	118.2	-1.0	1.88
Do Accum	158.2	168.2	-1.3	1.88
High Income Trust	86.8	92.4●	-0.2	4.88
Do Accum	102.3	108.9●	-0.2	4.88
US Growth	57.9	61.7	+0.3	0.93
Do Accum	59.2	63.0	+0.4	0.93
ROYAL LONDON UNIT TRUST MANAGERS Royal London House, Colchester CO1 1RA 0206 576115				
American Growth	84.7	90.2	+0.4	0.83
Capital Accum	170.1	181.0	-0.1	2.25
Gilt Income	51.8	54.8●	..	9.48
High Income	76.4	81.3	..	5.07
Income & Growth	94.5	100.8●	-0.1	4.45
Japan Growth	84.3	89.7c	..	0.03
Special Sits	106.5	113.3●	+1.2	1.36
SAVE & PROSPER 28, Western Rd, Romford RM1 3LB (Romford) 0708-66966				
Amer Inc & Growth	69.1	73.5c	+0.5	7.00
Capital Units	103.5	110.1	-0.1	2.04
Commodity	54.8	58.2	..	1.67
European Growth	117.8	125.1	+0.5	0.49
Financial Secs	98.3	104.5	+0.6	1.93
High Return Units	180.3	191.8	+0.8	5.03
High Yield Units	160.1	170.3●	+0.7	4.77
Income Units	91.7	97.5	+0.7	6.27
Investment Trust	88.7	94.3●	+0.6	2.61
Japan Growth	91.4	97.2●	-0.2	0.00
Japan Smaller Cos	110.1	117.1	+0.4	0.00
Masterfund	29.7	31.5	+0.2	2.90
Scotbits	131.9	140.3	+1.0	2.44
Scotshares	149.2	158.7	+1.6	4.26
Scotyields	149.6	159.0	+0.7	4.71
Select International	79.0	84.0●	+0.4	1.18
Smaller Co's Inc	153.8	163.6●	-0.3	4.82
Special Situations	94.9	100.9	+1.1	1.97
UK Equity	175.7	186.9	+1.1	2.73
US Growth	74.0	78.7	+0.1	1.84
Universal Growth	88.8	95.5●	+0.4	1.16
SCHRODER UNIT TRUST Enterprise House, Portsmouth 0705 827733				
American Acc	134.6	145.8c	+0.8	0.72
Australia Acc	82.7	88.4	-0.2	0.64
European Inc	129.5	134.5●	+0.2	0.84
Do Accum	130.5	138.8●	+0.2	0.84
Gilt & Fixed Inc	61.4	64.2	..	9.06
Gold Fund Inc	37.8	40.3●	+1.1	1.88
Do Accum	40.0	42.5●	-1.8	1.88
Income	174.7	186.8	-0.5	5.70
Intl Income	117.1	124.5●	+1.8	0.48
Do Accum	161.5	171.8●	+2.7	0.48
Jap Smlr Co's Ac	128.4	136.5	+1.0	0.00
Sing & Malay Acc	72.7	77.3	+2.9	0.74
Smaller Co Inc Acc	132.2	140.6	+0.3	1.19
Special Sits Inc	98.4	103.7●	-0.1	1.20
Do Accum	103.6	110.2●	-0.1	1.02
Tokyo Fund Inc	207.4	220.9	+0.7	0.00
Do Accum	208.4	222.7	-0.8	0.00
US Smaller Co's Ac	52.4	55.7●	+0.7	0.00
UK Equity Inc	100.4	106.8	+0.1	3.39
Do Accum	156.9	166.8	+0.1	3.39
Far East Gth Accum	58.5	62.2●	-0.6	0.50
Extra Inc	61.1	64.9	..	7.37
SCIMITAR ASSET MANAGEMENT 33-35 Gracechurch St London EC3V 0AX 01-623 3776/8711				
UK Equity Inc	33.9	35.4	-0.4	5.13
Do Acc	34.1	35.7●	-0.6	5.13
Euro Tst Inc	28.4	30.2	-0.1	1.00
Do Acc	28.4	30.2	-0.1	1.00
Global Gth Inc	27.2	28.9c	-0.4	1.00
Do Acc	27.5	29.0c	-0.4	1.00
Managed Exempt	118.1	123.1	..	4.00
Pacific Basin	22.3	23.8	-0.6	1.00
SCOTTISH EQUITABLE 28, St Andrews Sq, Edinburgh 031-556 9101				
Intl Income Units	149.1	158.7●	..	3.56
Do Accum	224.9	239.3●	..	3.56
SCOTTISH LIFE INVESTMENTS 19, St Andrews Sq, Edinburgh 031 225 2211				
UK Equity	173.4	187.8●	-1.1	1.27
American	150.7	161.2●	-2.2	1.26
Pacific	183.6	196.4●	-0.1	0.09
European	256.1	274.0●	-1.5	0.49
SCOTTISH MUTUAL INVESTMENT MANAGERS 109, Vincent St, Glasgow G2 5HN 041-248 6100				
UK Equity	164.8	175.2●	..	2.98
Gilt & Fixed	108.0	114.9●	-0.6	8.95
UK Smlr Co's Eq	145.7	155.1●	-0.7	2.21
European	213.8	227.5●	+1.6	1.09
N American	114.8	122.3●	-0.6	1.36
Pacific	175.3	186.5●	+1.6	0.56
SCOTTISH UNIT TRUST 29, Charlotte Sq, Edinburgh 031-226 4372				
Pacific	66.7	70.9	+0.6	0.00
World Growth	38.0	40.4●	..	0.78
N American	33.1	35.2	+0.1	0.93
Income Fund	44.7	47.5c	+0.1	5.02
European	46.7	49.8	..	0.92
N Amer Inc	27.1	28.8●	+0.2	1.65
UK Growth	30.4	32.3●	+0.3	2.08
Extra Inc	31.70	33.78●	+0.44	5.86
SCOTTISH WIDOWS PO Box 902, Edinburgh EH16 5BU 031-655 6000				
Peg Eq Inc	226.3	240.8●	-0.8	3.18
Do Accum	364.3	381.3●	-1.0	3.18
SENTINEL FUNDS MANAGEMENT 30, City Rd, London EC1Y 2AY 01-638 6011				
Amer Tech & Gen	102.8	110.0●	-1.4	0.84
Pacific	195.1	208.5	-1.6	0.00
Sec Income Fnd	171.8	183.8●	+3.6	4.54
Special Situations	211.1	225.8●	-1.7	1.46
Intl Growth	42.1	46.0	-0.6	0.16
American Majors	73.1	78.2	+1.5	1.26
Smaller Co's	41.6	44.5●	-0.3	1.67
Japan Tech & Gen	102.4	109.8	-1.5	0.00
International Income	57.0	61.0●	-0.3	3.83
Exempt	347.0	366.2●	..	2.25
UK General	34.8	37.0	..	3.03
Euro Growth	41.1	44.0	+0.4	0.32
Euro Income	46.1	49.3	..	4.00
STANDARD LIFE 3, George St, Edinburgh EH2 2XZ 031 225 2552				
Income Units	24.0	25.6●	-0.1	2.76
Do Accum Units	27.1	28.9●	-0.1	2.76
STEWART, IVORY UNIT TRUST MANAGERS 45, Charlotte Sq, Edinburgh 031-226 3271				
American Fund	226.2	241.0●	+0.3	2.25
Do Accum	254.0	270.7●	+0.6	2.25
Do Withdrawal	158.7	169.2c	+0.3	2.25
Australian Fund	132.0	140.6	-0.6	0.91
Do Accum	134.2	143.0	-0.6	0.91
British Fund	573.0	610.6●	-8.1	4.41
Do Accum	786.5	837.1●	-7.1	4.41
European Fund	318.3	340.0●	+0.7	0.79
Do Accum	336.1	360.0●	+0.7	0.79
Japan Fund	82.4	88.3c	+0.6	0.22
Do Accum	82.7	88.6c	+0.6	0.22
Sterling PPP	175.3	184.8	..	..
SUN ALLIANCE Sun Alliance Hse, Horsham, Sussex 0403 56253				
Equity Trust Acc	381.8	403.8	+0.6	2.62
N Am Trust Acc	80.7	84.3	+0.3	1.49
Far East Trust Acc	83.7	88.5	+0.9	0.52
Worldwide Bond	51.5	54.5	+0.3	8.53
European	54.5	57.6	+0.6	1.32
SUN LIFE OF CANADA 2,3,4, Cockspur Street, London SW1Y 5BH Dealing no.01-930 2602				
UK Income	23.8	25.3	+0.1	4.94
Do Growth	33.3	34.7	+0.2	3.06
TSB UNIT TRUSTS LTD Keens House, Andover, Hants, SP10 1PG 0264 56789 Dealings: 0264 63432/3/4				
American Inc	119.2	125.7	..	1.46
Do Accum	122.2	130.0	..	1.46
Extra Income Inc	113.1	120.4	..	5.57
Do Accum	135.7	144.4	..	5.57
General Unit Inc	155.3	165.3	..	2.91
Do Accum	255.7	272.1	..	2.91
Gilt & Fixed Inc	45.8	47.5●	..	8.83
Do Accum	81.4	84.0●	..	8.83
Income	214.6	228.4	..	4.37
Accum	324.8	356.2	..	4.37
Pacific Inc	169.9	180.8	..	0.60
Do Accum	175.4	186.7	..	0.60
Intl Inc	324.2	344.8●	..	1.15
Do Accum	403.7	429.4●	..	1.15
Selected Opps Inc	83.7	87.9●	..	1.78
Do Accum	70.4	74.9●	..	1.78
Natural Res	54.2	57.7●	..	2.01
Do Accum	56.1	59.7●	..	2.01
TARGET TRUST MANAGERS Target House, Gatehouse Rd, Aylesbury Bucks 0296 5941				
Amer Eagle	74.4	79.2	+0.2	0.09
Australian	20.9	22.3	-0.5	0.10
Commodity	79.6	85.2	+0.5	1.06
Energy	29.0	31.0	..	1.91
Equity	124.3	132.5	+1.6	3.71
European Spec Sits	114.6	121.7	+0.6	0.87
Extra Income	113.6	121.6	+0.6	5.86
Financial	262.1	279.6●	+2.3	1.88
Gilt Income	95.7	100.6	-0.8	8.82
Gold Income	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]
Do Accum	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]
Income	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]
Japan	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]
Malay & Singapore	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]
Pacific Inc	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]
Do Reinvest	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]
Prof Gilts	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]
UK Capital	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]
Special Sits	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]
Technology	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]
World Income	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]
Worldwide Capital	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]
Equity Inc Uk	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]
Do Accum (3)	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]
THORNTON UNIT MANAGERS LTD Fore House 16 Finsbury Circus London EC2M 7DJ 01-374 4000				
Far East & Gen	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]
Japan & Gen	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]
Nth Amer & Gen	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]
Oriental Inc	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]
Pacific Tech	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]
Tiger	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]
UK & Gen	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]
Oriental Acc	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]
3i UNIT TRUST MANAGERS 2, St Mary Axe, London EC3A 8BP 01 928-3366				
Smaller Co's	94.5	99.8	+0.8	0.48
TOUCHE REMNANT Mermaid House, 2, Puddle Dock, London EC4V 3AT 01-248 1250				
American Growth	41.6	44.3●	+0.3	0.82
General Growth	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]
Global Tech	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]
Income Growth	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]
Income Monthly	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]
Japan Growth	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]
Man Equity Inc	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]
Do Accum	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]
O'seas Growth	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]
Smaller Cos	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]
Special Opps	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]
Tyndall Managers Ltd 4-01 St. John Street London EC1V 4QE 01-837 6494				
Australian	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]
Capital	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]
Europe Growth Acc	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]
Exempt	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]
Far Eastern	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]
Fin & Prop	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]
Gilt Capital	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]
Gilt Income	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]
High Yield	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]
Income	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]
Intl Earnings	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]
Intl Growth Inc	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]
Japan Growth Acc	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]
Nat Resources Inc	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]
Nth Amer Gth Inc	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]
Preference Inc	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]
Small Co's Div Inc	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]
Small Co's Inc	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]
Special Sits Inc	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]
UK PROVIDENT UT MANAGERS UK House, Castle St, Salisbury SP1 3SH 0722 336242				
UK Equity	120.5	127.7	+1.0	..
Pacific Basin	145.8	154.7	+1.4	..
N Amer	125.7	133.5	+0.8	..
VANGUARD TRUST 65 Holborn Viaduct EC1A 2EU General Enquiries 01-236 3053 Dealing Line 01-236 3460				
Growth Inc	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]
Do Accum	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]
High Yield	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]
Do Accum	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]
Special Sits	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]
Do Accum	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]
Trustee	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]
Do Accum	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]
Amer & Gen	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]
Do Accum	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]
Master Portfolio	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]
Do Accum	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]
Abng Retn Asts (6)	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]
Do Accum	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]
Far East & Gen Inc	[illegible]	[illegible]	-0.1	0.00
Do Accum	[illegible]	[illegible]	-0.1	0.00
Euro Fund Inc	[illegible]	[illegible]		0.74
Do Acc	[illegible]	[illegible]		0.74
WARDLEY UNIT TRUST MANAGERS Wardley House, 7, Devonshire Sq, London EC2 01-929 1532				
American Trust	[illegible]	[illegible]		1.40
Far East & Gen	111.2	117.7	+0.4	0.40
Intl Growth	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]
Income Trust	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]
Japan Growth	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]
Smaller Companies	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]
Technology	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]
Australia	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]
UK Trust	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]
European Growth	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]
Hong Kong	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]
WAVERLEY ASSET MANAGEMENT 13, Charlotte Sq, Edinburgh 031-225 1551				
Australian Gold	27.5	29.2	-0.5	0.15
Pacific Basin	21.6	23.0c	+0.6	0.20
Canadian Bal Gth	58.4	62.1a	+0.4	0.97
Gross Max Fnd	£101.7	106.9●	-0.1	7.16
WHITTINGDALE UNIT TRUST MANAGERS 2 Honey La EC2 8BT 01-606 9085/6				
Sht Dtd Gilt Fund	50.1	50.2	..	9.00
US Govt Bond Fd	£51.3	51.6	-0.1	..
WINDSOR TRUST MANAGERS LTD Windsor House, 83, Kingsway, London WC2B 6SD 01-405 8331				
Conv & Equity	48.4	51.5●	..	7.82
Income	53.2	56.7	-0.1	5.11
Growth	51.9	55.3●	..	2.24

● Ex dividend. c Cum dividend. k Cum stock split. s Ex stock split. m Cum all (any two or more of above). a Ex all (any two or more of above). Dealing or valuation days: (1) Monday. (2) Tuesday. (3) Wednesday. (4) Thursday. (5) Friday. (20) 25th of month. (21) 2nd Thursday of month. (22) 1st and 3rd Wednesday of month. (23) 20th of month. (24) 3rd Tuesday of month. (25) 1st and 3rd Thursday of month. (26) 4th Tuesday of month. (27) 1st Wednesday of month. (28) Last Thursday of month. (29) 3rd working day of month. (30) 16th of month. (31) 1st working day of month. (32) 20th of month. (33) 1st day of February, May, August, November. (34) Last working day of month. (35) 15th of month. (36) 14th of month. (37) 21st of month. (38) 3rd Wednesday of month. (39) 2nd Wednesday of month. (40) Valued monthly. (41) Last Thursday of Stock Exchange account. (42) Last day of month. (43) 2nd and 4th Wednesday of month. (44) Quarterly. (45) 6th of month. (46) 2nd Tuesday of month.

UNLISTED SECURITIES

1986 High	Low	Company	Bid	Offer	Ch'ge	Gross div pence	Yld %	P/E
15	8½	A & M Gp	8½	9½	+½	0.6	6.7	12.9
60	45	ATA Selection	50	55	-2	2.1	4.0	14.2
180	83	Abbeycrest	117	120	..	3.6	3.0	17.0
69	33	Aberdeen Sd. Hse	48	53	+3	1.7e	3.3	14.2
143	45	Access Satellite	..	..	..	4.6	..	..
108	32	Acorn Comp	44	48	..	..	..	3.2
21	8½	Acsis Jewellery	18	20	+1	..	..	10.2
22	10½	Adam Leisure	14	17	+1	..	..	2.0
195	94	Airspring	93	97	+1	7.7	8.1	..
297	204	Alfa	235	245	..	9.8	4.0	13.5
194	152	Anglia Secure Hms	187	190	+2	2.3	1.2	28.2
121	99	Antler	107	112	+6	..	..	..
165	131	Appletree	148	153	..	2.9	1.9	14.5
336	210	App Holographics	315	320	+33	..	..	..
285	185	Do Wrnts	270	280	+55	..	..	..
355	183	Aspen Comms	312	317	..	4.4	1.4	32.8
180	107	Aspinall	105	108	-2	8.6	8.0	5.7
620	443	Asprey	530	560	+17	14.3	2.6	15.9
40	18	Assoc Energy	30	33	..	..	..	7.9
233	155	ASD	160	170	●+10	11.4	6.9	7.1
139	122	Atlas Equipment	135	140	+1	7.0	5.1	12.5
95	61	Automagic	85	90	+2	8.6	9.8	15.5
70	67	BBB Design	66	69	..	1.4	2.1	18.3
228	185	BPP	195	200	-2	7.1	3.6	16.2
85	68	BTS Grp	76	80	..	5.7	7.3	9.2
123	58	Bedford (William)	87	92	..	6.4	7.1	8.3
28	12	Bennett & Fountain	24½	25½	●+2	0.7	2.8	21.0
53	31	Bensons Crisps	38	42	-3	..	..	11.2
17½	7¾	Berkeley & Hay	14¼	15	+¾	..	..	25.4
91	35	Berkeley Exp	48	52	+1	..	..	7.1
122	122	Berry,Birch & Noble	120	123	..	8.0	4.9	14.2
30	10	Bio Isolates	18	20	..	..	..	..
34	18	Biomechanics	30	32	..	..	..	..
44	39	Bgol	39	40	..	1.8	4.6	9.9
135	88	Blanchards	110	114	●+4	6.4	5.7	12.2
118	116	Blenheim Exhib	115	120	..	..	..	..
271	165	Bluebird Toys	262	267	-6	5.0	1.9	20.5
180	133	Borland	133	136	-2	..	..	..
27	18	Brewmaker	18	20	●+1½	1.1	5.8	10.1
210	85	Brikat	92	97	+7	8.0	8.3	8.7
200	125	Brixx	195	205	..	..	..	..
130	75	Britannia Sec	119	121	●+1	2.1	1.8	13.2
250	155	Br Bloodstock	165	175	+2	12.6	7.4	8.0
59	50	Br Island	54	57	+1	4.0	7.1	10.2
59	44	Broad St	47	49	-1	1.8	3.3	..
59	44	Broad St	47	49	-1	1.5b	3.3	..
358	178	Brookmount	280	290	-8	5.0	1.8	15.5
165	115	Brown (Charlie)	155	160	..	4.3	2.7	18.5
345	165	Bryant (Derek)	215	225	+1	11.6b	5.2	7.8
9	2	Bula Resources	2¼	..	..	..	..	..
103	73	CCA Galleries	90	93	●+2	3.4	3.7	13.7
180	125	CML Micro	130	140	..	2.6	1.9	13.9
36	5¾	CPS Comp	5¾	6½	..	1.4	22.4	3.3
42	25	CPU Comp	28	30	-½	..	..	16.4
195	130	CVD	145	155	●+2	..	..	..
320	85	Caledonian Off	95	105	+10	..	..	..
69	62	Camotech	63	68	..	2.9	4.5	13.3
172	86	Cannon Street Inv	170	173	+4	3.6	2.1	25.6
384	213	Central TV	382	385	+19	..	..	..
137	64	Chancery Secs	125	128	..	3.1	2.4	15.3
205	83	Checkpoint Europe	185	195	+2	..	..	18.7
132	125	Chelsea Man	128	129	+1	3.1	2.4	21.0
18	6½	Chem Methods	7	8½	..	3.0	37.5	..
253	120	Cheshire W	238	245	-6	5.2	2.1	25.8
17	8½	Citer	9	10	-½	..	..	1.4
107	102	Citygrove	102	..	..	..	..	..
40	25	Citywide	34	37	..	..	..	..
630	475	Citywide 7%	620	640	+20	..	..	..
115	67	Cireanns	67	72	-2	1.5	2.1	8.0
173	148	Clarke Hooper	150	155	..	3.3	2.2	20.7
28	11	Clogau Gold	27	28½	+2	..	..	..
55	25	Cliff Oil Hldgs	39	39	-2	..	..	..
113	87	Coastal Electrodes	100	..	..	..	..	..
95	53	Cobra Emerald	58	65	..	5.6	5.6	11.6
139	21	Colline	130	135	..	3.9	2.9	14.6
180	21	Colorgen Inc	30	34	-3	..	..	..
175	110	Comp Financial	150	155	-2	3.3	2.2	28.1
53	30	Comsoft	37	42	-3	..	..	6.7
130	74	Consultants	124	128	+4	1.8	1.4	24.5
60	38	Cons Tern Inns	42	46	-1	7.1s	16.1	39.5
343	206	Cond Microwave	275	285	● ..	6.4	2.3	16.1
108	85	Cowells	103	106	●+6	3.7	3.5	14.6
143	93	CPM	97	102	-8	2.5	2.5	14.6
415	308	Cramphorn	385	390	+15	7.4	2.0	26.4
78	46	Cranbrook	48	53	+1	0.7e	1.4	13.5
114	96	Cranswick	104	107	..	7.8	7.2	9.2
138	75	Craton Lodge	83	88	..	2.8	3.3	18.2
198	185	Creighton Labs	153	198	..	5.3	2.7	23.9
103	58	Crown TV Prods	75	80	+2	..	..	..
133	75	Crusta	130	133	●+13	1.5	1.1	14.7
73	43	DBE Tech	43	48	..	..	..	42.6
183	116	DDT	162	167	..	1.7	1.0	14.3
140	78	DJ Sec Alarms	102	107	-10	2.1	2.0	8.6
91	83	Damon	77	82	●-1	1.4	1.8	14.0
216	190	Davies (DY)	200	203	+2	4.8	2.4	22.8
84	55	Dean & Bowes	77	80	●-2	3.6	4.6	19.3
29	20	De Brett (Andra)	23	24½	..	0.4	1.7	12.0
145	131	Debler	129	132	●-2	5.7	4.4	..
57	40	Delmar	45	47	-1	2.9	6.3	9.1
138	105	Dencora	105	110	-2	2.9	2.7	14.9
175	70	Denmans Elec	85	90	+5	5.8	6.6	6.8
168	68	Dewey Warren	67	70	+1	10.7a	15.5	4.7
255	130	Dafone	250	260	+5	7.0	2.7	13.9
468	345	Druck	460	475	●+10	6.3	1.3	23.1
24½	16½	Dunton	16	17	●-½	0.6	3.6	19.2
56	39	Eadie	51	54	+1	2.5	4.7	16.4
148	102	Ealing Elect Optics	128	132	●-3	3.1	2.4	22.6
37	9	Ecobric	28½	30	-1½	0.4	1.4	22.8
325	238	Edin Fund	263	270	+11	9.1	3.5	15.9
43	22	Edin Oil & Gas	26	29	+1	..	..	70.0
384	244	Eldridge Pope 'A'	380	385	-1	9.6	2.5	17.8
148	108	Electron House	120	125	●+3	4.9	4.0	16.1
100	61	Electronic Data P	74	78	..	2.3	3.0	11.1
33	24	Ennex	24	26	+1	..	..	..
18	7	Entertainment Prod	8	10	-1	1.4	15.6	4.0
215	122	Equipu	147	157	-3	7.1	4.7	12.7
108	103	Eve Construction	103	108	..	6.4	6.1	11.8
385	136	FII	330	340	..	..	..	..
248	151	FKB Gp	237	242	..	3.8	1.5	25.7
161	140	F & H Group	140	145	..	..	..	..
90	51	Feedback	73	78	+1	3.8	5.1	27.3
42	17½	Fergebrook	20	21	+2½	1.7	8.3	1.7
133	120	Fields (Mrs)	117	122	●-5	..	..	..
73	63	Fletcher Dennys	64	67	..	3.6	5.5	15.3
65	31	Flexitech	42	47	-5	..	..	7.9
234	100	Flogas	228	232	-4	258	..	..
80	30	Floyd Oil	38	42	+2	..	..	18.4
80	60	Ford & Weston	80	83	+2	4.3	5.2	9.8
240	130	French Conn	180	185	-2	7.5	4.0	12.3
124	65	Freshbake	128	133	+5	2.7	2.2	20.7
338	210	Fuller Smith 'A'	322	332	-6	5.9	1.8	17.0
158	94	Gabbicci	152	157	●+6	4.3	2.8	16.2
150	66	Gee (Cecil)	88	91	-1	3.7	4.2	..
47	35	Gee/Rosen	38	41	+2	2.4	8.0	12.1
85	72	Gibbon Lyons	82	87	..	5.0	5.9	14.7
165	100	Gibbs Mew	155	165	+5	5.1	3.2	17.8
100	11	Gilbert House	85	90	..	..	..	..
100	32	Global Gp	44	48	+2	3.9	8.5	9.4
196	71	Godwin Warren	70	75	..	3.1	4.2	18.4
143	80	Goodhead Print	120	125	r+7	4.3	3.5	13.7
128	65	Gould (Laurence)	112	117	..	5.3	4.6	9.3
91	58	Granyte Surface	63	68	..	3.0	4.5	11.5
168	155	Great Southern	158	161	+5	7.4	4.6	13.7
140	118	Green (Ernest)	135	140	● ..	4.9	3.6	13.2
38	19	Greenwich Cable	28	31	+4	..	..	..
115	81½	Grosvenor Sq	85	90	..	8.8	9.8	7.0
190	180	Guernsey Atlantic	185	195	+5	3.5	1.8	59.9
96	56	Hampden Homecare	86	88	●+1	2.1	2.3	14.6
260	133	Harvey & Thomp	250	260	● ..	8.6	3.4	16.8
255	195	Havelock Europa	233	238	+1	5.7	2.4	22.1
46	28	Health Care	38	41	..	1.1	2.8	15.9
460	363½	Heavitree	450	460	+25	12.3	2.7	17.9
395	293½	Do 'A' LV	390	400	+25	12.3	3.1	15.5
150	142½	Henderson Prime	140	150	..	..	..	..
415	165	High-Point	160	170	..	6.1	3.7	10.5
205	45	Highland Part	52	62	+2	..	..	..
91	63	Hills Ergonom	65	70	-5	2.9	3.5	13.3
30½	7	Hobson	23½	24½	..	..	..	..
133	105	Hodgson	130	133	+2	3.0	2.3	22.0
133	105	Holden Hydroman	118	123	-6	3.6	1.5	15.5
133	110	Holmes Protection	110	..	..	..	..	..
32	22	Hughes Food	27½	28½	+½	0.7	2.5	20.1
	6½	Humbrad Elec	6	7½	-1½	0.4	6.7	7.0
189	115	Hunter Saphir	180	185	+2	4.6	2.2	21.3
205	166	Huntleigh Tech	188	198	●-2	2.1	1.1	23.3
230	165	IS/STEM	175	185	● ..	3.6	2.0	15.4
31	11	Imtec	10	13	-1	3.0	25.0	1.5
115	44	Ind Scot Energy	85	90	+2	..	..	10.8
103	66	Infrafied	60	65	-2	..	..	..
263	190	Inoscope Tech	210	230	● ..	6.3	3.8	11.0
208	190	Interlink Express	203	208	+1	..	..	..
32	21	Israel (Jack L)	22	22	..	0.7	3.1	17.4
370	233	JS Pathology	360	370	-5	3.3	0.9	33.4
130	118	James Vert	175	180	..	7.9	4.4	15.7
26	2	Jetcosts	8	10	+1	..	..	0.3
148	103	Johnson & Jorg	130	135	●-3	6.0	4.6	14.8
128	73	Johnstones Paints	105	110	..	6.1b	5.6	12.0
70	48	Just Rubber	61	64	+2	2.5	4.0	10.4
330	263	KLP	280	286	-5	4.7	1.6	18.5
92	67	Kent (John)	78	79	●+½	2.1	2.7	14.3
320	220	Kenyon Secs	315	325	..	14.9	4.7	15.3
83	53	Kewill Systems	57	62	-6	1.7	2.8	8.8
113	50	Klark-Teknik	60	65	-5	1.4b	2.1	12.2
113	67	LPA Ind	77	82	-1	3.9	4.9	7.9
69	37	Laidlaw	62	67	..	4.1	6.3	8.1
123	70	Laidlaw Thomson	100	105	●-5	3.6	3.4	12.4
55	32	Leisure Inv	48½	51	-1½	0.5	1.0	17.0
118	100	Lewmar	100	103	+2	3.8	3.7	12.8
230	215	Local Lon Gp	215	225	-5	5.0	2.3	24.7
91	73	Lodge Care	84	87	..	2.9	3.4	17.9
140	95	Lon & Clydeside	107	112	..	8.0	7.3	9.9
163	133	Lorin Elect	170	175	..	3.6b	2.1	15.2
62	17	Lyander Pet	20	22	-½	..	..	..
95	77	M6 Cash & Carry	87	92	..	..	..	..
310	160	MMT Comp	295	305	-15	6.6	2.2	24.8
180	101	McLaughlin & Har	110	120	●-3	10.0	8.7	6.5
125	45	Magnetic Materials	60	64	-4	2.7	4.4	8.7
120	104	Mainmet	92	96	-1	1.4	1.5	28.5
95	76	Manns Dev	..	..	..	..	..	..
173	92	Marlin (Ronald)	163	168	+1	4.7	2.8	22.4
35	8	Maxiprint	14	17	-1	..	..	..
116	101	Mayflair City	108	112	-5	4.3	3.9	23.3
305	195	Meadow Farm	273½	278½	..	5.4	2.0	24.1
143	142	Mecca Leisure	147	149	..	..	..	..
220	123	Media Tech	125	135	●-1	4.0	3.1	10.0
86	75	Mellerware	78	82	●-1	4.4	5.4	19.0
15	9	Memory Comp	13	15	-1	232	..	..
15	13	Memcom Intl Hldgs	22	27	-1	5.0	20.0	1.7
181	135	Merivale-Smits	173	180	..	3.6	2.0	18.9
347	311	Merrydown Wine	320	325	-2	7.6	2.4	18.6
138	95	Metal Bulletin	115	125	..	6.3	5.3	16.9
102	71	Metsec	80	84	●+2	3.7	4.5	12.0
79	59	Michael (John)	67	72	..	1.7	2.4	17.0
760	380	Microfilm	565	580	-12	2.9	0.5	60.5
220	95	Microlease	125	135	●+16	5.7	4.4	10.8
47	22	Microvitec	33	35	-3	1.8	5.3	14.9
420	231	Midsummer Inns	410	420	-5	3.6	0.9	30.6
182	162	Miller & Santhouse	162	167	..	3.2	1.9	30.6
193	161	Millward Brown	156	163	-4	3.6	2.2	35.1
220	130	Miss World	190	200	-5	7.9	4.1	10.3
47	13	Mnemos	..	..	..	..	..	..
158	103	Moorgate Gp	102	107	-1	2.0	1.9	19.4
124	82	Monks & Crane	112	118	..	3.9	3.4	14.3
158	118	Monotype	135	140	●+1½	6.3	4.6	..
50	25	Morley (Rn)	38	41	..	2.1	5.3	19.9
23½	15½	Morris (William)	17	17½	+½	..	..	6.8
115	83	Moss Advertising	76	83	..	3.5	4.3	9.8
192	125	Mustenin	183	190	..	4.3	2.3	18.2
367	237	NMW Comp	235	245	●-5	8.6	3.6	13.1
21	6	New Ct Nat Res	10	12	-½	..	..	2.9
5	0½	Do Wrnts	0½	1	..	..	..	..
22	14	New England Props	20	23	+1	..	..	10.6
25	13	Do 10%	20	30	..	0	11.8	..
75	74	Newage Trans	72	77	..	5.0	6.7	8.5
27	10	Norcia	..	14	..	..	..	..
150	91	Norank	137	140	-4	4.3	3.1	18.0
190	45	Norben	80	85	-3	1.0	1.6	6.6
165	83	Norscot Hotels	143	148	●+6	3.6	2.5	18.0
46	14	Nth Sea & Gen	21	24	..	..	..	..
75	33	Oilfield Inspec	30	35	-2	2.9e	8.8	4.9
37	22	Optometrics	20	24	..	..	..	..
293	180	Osborne & Little	288	293	+3	4.3	1.5	27.8
36½	23	Owners Abroad	36½	38½	+¼	2.1	5.8	10.3
143	85	PCT	100	115	-5	4.6	4.3	12.3
255	160	Pacer Systems	185	195	-5	..	..	..
79	50	Pacific Sales	48	53	● ..	4.3	8.4	12.2
158	130	Pantherella	130	145	-8	5.3	3.8	12.6
218½	82	Parkfield Gp	181	183	+1	..	..	..
82	10	Paul M Lee	54	58	..	● ..	..	24.7
53	17	Pavion	20	21	+½	..	..	3.7
165	80	Pipe Group	142	147	-1	4.7	3.2	14.0
148	83	Pelcom	115	120	-3	3.3b	2.8	50.4
38	23	Perkins (J)	23	28	-2	1.7	6.5	6.3
110	103	Personal Computer	105	..	..	4.3	4.1	10.7
290	128	Peters (Michael)	145	150	●-½	3.7	2.5	22.7
27	12	Petrogas	10	14	..	..	..	..
34	25½	Picadilly Radio	24½	26	-1	2.9	11.4	12.4
116	24	Pict Pet	28	32	..	..	..	4.2
78	31	Pineapple	62	67	..	..	..	..
55	25	Plasmec	51	54	..	1.0	1.9	8.6
176	115	Platon	168	173	+23	4.4	2.6	12.4
245	80	Polydoch Marine	85	95	..	5.4	6.0	12.8
158	78	Powerline	77	82	● ..	2.9	3.6	10.7
143	93	Prontaprint	98	105	+1	3.6	3.5	11.7
6¾	2	Property Tst 10p	5¼	5¾	-1¼	..	..	..
6½	2	Do 8p	5½	5¾	..	..	..	..
308	158	Qonstel	195	200	-3	6.3	3.2	13.3
100	90	Radamec	88	93	-2	..	..	..
43	18	Radio City 'A'	24	28	-2	..	..	5.1
58	33	Radio Clyde	48	53	-2	4.6	9.0	16.6
123	85	Radius	88	93	-2	1.4	1.5	13.7
40	12	Ramco Oil	12	16	+2	..	..	3.4
105	66	Raybus	93	98	●+5	7.7	8.0	8.3
62	22	Randsworth	48	52	●-2	0.4	0.8	..
71	40	Real Time Control	52	57	-1	2.0	5.3	15.9
42	14	Reliant Motor	19	21	..	..	..	17.1
190	70	Riva	127	132	+4	0.1	0.1	..
87	30	Rockwood	65	70	+5	..	..	..
105	63	Rolfe & Nolan	95	100	-2	2.9	2.9	42.7
97	94	Rotunda	92	95	..	4.3	4.6	11.3
103	102	Ryman	101	104	+1	..	..	..
138	112	SAC	128	129	+2½	2.7	2.1	22.2
128	73	Sangers Photo	81	85	+3	3.2	3.9	24.0
48	10	Sapphire Pet	13	16	..	..	..	2.0
135	104	Savage	124	128	● ..	4.3	3.4	18.2
178	98	Scarro	95	100	●-½	3.7	5.8	8.0
195	120	Scot Heritable	133	135	-4	4.8	3.4	11.7
133	71	Securiguard	113	120	-2	3.9	3.3	21.8
26	7	SelecTV	18	18½	-1¼	..	..	..
360	171	Shandwick	332	337	..	6.0	1.8	19.4
385	253½	Share Drug Strs	295	305	-5	2.9	1.0	24.3
96	68½	Sheldon Jones	85	90	-3	6.6	7.5	10.3
260	186	Sherwood Comp	225	235	●+10	4.6	2.0	27.7
198	145	Shield	180	188	-5	2.9	1.6	27.3
101	50	Sigmex	58	60	●-2	0.8	1.4	20.4
173	120	Sims Catering	115	125	-5	5.7	4.8	14.7
220	136	Sinclair (William)	197	207	●-3½	8.8	4.4	12.0
179	155	Smallbone	174	179	+2	5.1	2.9	16.5
131	96	Snowdon Bridge	118	123	●-1½	4.3b	3.6	14.2
40	33	Soundtracks	35	38	..	1.7	4.6	11.0
182	113	Sthn Bus	143	148	+3	4.3	2.9	8.4
31	11	SW Resources	12	14	..	..	..	3.2
99	85	Space Planning	95	100	+2	2.6	2.7	18.7
68	46	Spectra Auto	60	65	● ..	3.7	5.9	9.9
38	20	Spectrum	24	27	-½	..	..	2.9
99	83	Spice	88	93	+1	4.0	4.4	13.6
71	35	Splash	63	..	..	4.7	7.5	10.3
220	85	Stainless Metal	177	182	-1	6.0	3.3	25.7
106	71	Sterling Pub	95	100	-5	2.9b	3.0	21.8
38½	17½	Sunleigh Elect	27½	28½	+1½	..	..	57.1
93	54	Sutherland (ET)	57	62	● ..	4.8	8.0	18.8
125	108	Swindon Pr Hose	110	120	..	..	..	36.3
240	175	Synapse Comp	225	235	●+7	3.1	1.3	19.2
290	150	T & S Stores	235	245	● ..	4.6	1.9	25.7
200	110	TDS Circuits	125	135	..	2.9s	2.2	5.7
134	111	TMD Advert	115	118	..	2.4	2.1	21.3
120	108	Task Force	108	113	-2	2.5	2.3	16.3
186	52	Tay Homes	172	177	●+10	7.5	4.3	8.3
148	75	Tech For Bus	73	85	..	7.7	9.6	8.0
385	194	Tech Comp	310	320	..	4.8	1.5	42.5
205	115	Telecomputing	165	180	-6	2.1	1.2	16.5
165	86	Tel Serv Int	85	88	●-6	3.1	3.6	24.0
126	70	Thermax	132	135	-1	7.1	5.3	14.6
272½	180	Therm Scientific	225	230	+3	3.6	1.6	20.6
113	83	Thorpac	108	113	+5	3.6	3.2	16.5
56	42	Tinsley (Eliza)	44	47	-1	4.1	8.9	8.9
145	113	Tod (W.J.)	142	147	●+3½	4.7	3.2	27.1
50	26	Townsgate Sec	25	30	-3	1.6	5.7	21.9
190	136	Trade Promotion	190	195	-2	6.2	3.2	18.1
486	270	Trencherwood	485	510	+3	7.6	1.5	23.8
88	60	Triton	70	75	-11	1.6	2.2	15.5
250	140	Tyde Tees 'A'	252	..	●+7	18.5	7.7	6.4
75	42	Uto Ceramic	70	75	● ..	5.4	7.4	12.3
550	420	Utd Friendly	530	540	●-10	26.0	4.9	..
213	93	Utd Packaging	113	116	+6	4.6	4.0	8.7
385	330	Utd Tst Credit	330	..	..	20.0	6.1	..
96	81	Usher (Frank)	87	92	● ..	6.4	7.1	10.7
100	35	Viewplan	37	42	+2	1.8	4.5	16.7
156	56	Wayne Kerr	58	60	● ..	2.3	3.9	6.8
110	75	Webber Electro	105	115	●+2	3.3	3.0	13.4
18	14	Weipac	15	15½	-½	0.4	2.7	10.3
98	68	West Yorkshire	88	95	..	5.7b	6.1	12.6
176	165	Whinney Mckay	163	168	-4	5.7	3.4	13.7
191	150	Wickes	180	185	..	3.8	2.0	22.3
10	4½	Willaire Syst	8	9½	+¼	..	..	42.0
27½	16½	Wilson (Robt) Hldgs	19	..	+1	1.31	6.7	15.7
480	98	Wingate	395	405	●-10	2.7	0.7	61.5
50	48	Wold	34	38	..	1.1	2.0	50.0
80	60	Woollen Barter	75	85	..	..	..	..
235	151	Worcester	225	235	●-5	7.9	3.4	24.1
220	148	Wld of Leather	152	157	-1	3.8	2.3	18.7
88	63	Wyko	64	67	..	3.7	5.6	10.0
4	4	Xylyx	2	4½	..	..	..	..
158	118	Yellowhammer	131	136	+1	2.3	1.7	19.5
56	29	Yelverton	35	38	+1	..	..	..
87	30	York Mount	68	71	+3	1.9	2.8	31.9
90	35	York & Equity	50½	52½	+1	..	..	..
104½	60½	Do 8%	100	..	..	800	8.0	..
56	18	Zygal Dynamics	33	56	+7	0.7	1.3	7.5

INVESTMENT TRUSTS

1986 High	Low	Company	Bid	Offer	Ch'ge	Gross div pence	Yld %	P/E
118	94	Ailsa	117	119	+1	3.6	3.1	23.0
822	653	Alliance	820	823	+7	31.8	3.9	38.3
148	124	Amer Trust	134	136	-½	4.4	3.3	37.5
392	288	Ang Amer Sec	378	382	+2	8.9	2.3	58.8
120	94	Atlantic Assets	101	102	+1½	0.9	0.9	77.5
139	86	Bankers	133	136	●+1	3.9b	2.9	50.8
254	139	Berry	236	240	..	1.5b	0.6	..
62½	53	Br Assets	58½	59½	+½	3.0	5.1	33.0
53	31	Br Empire Sec	34½	35½	..	0.7	2.0	47.9
461	364	Br Inv	458	463	+1	21.7	4.7	28.6
103	80	Brunner	99	101	+1	3.3	3.3	46.5
855	790	Cont & Ind	790	820	-20	31.4	3.9	34.9
250	139	Crescent Japan	219	223	+3	0.5	0.2	..
157	108	Derby Inc	148	152	-2	12.8	8.5	17.9
143	110	Do Cap	134	138	+2	..	..	..
368	314	Drayton Cons	342	344	..	14.6	4.3	33.7
191	134	Drayton Far East	183	186	+1	1.6	0.9	..
772	420	Drayton Japan	697	..	-9	1.4a	0.2	..
206	176	Dundee Lon	197	200	..	8.0b	4.0	35.4
117	98	Edin Amer Asset	102	104	+4	0.9	0.9	88.5
162	119	Edinburgh	151	152	● ..	5.3b	3.5	44.6
388	284	Electric Gen	378	380	+3	6.4	1.7	63.3
165	136	English Int	164	168	+1	5.5	3.3	46.4
100	75	English Scot	98	100	+1	2.0	2.0	60.0
80	60	Ensign	68	70	..	1.0	1.4	78.7
119	85	F & C Alliance	115	117	-1	2.6	2.2	61.1
217	142	F & C Pacific	210	212	●+1	2.1	1.0	81.5
11½	8½	First Charlotte	11½	12	+¼	0.1	0.9	..
348	287	First Scot Amer	327	328	-½	15.0	4.6	31.4
120	85	First Un Gen	55	75	..	8.7	13.4	5.5
565	480	Fleming American	508	510	+4	8.2	1.6	83.4
153	145	Fleming Claver	183	186	..	7.4	4.0	35.8
345	284	Fleming Enterprise	305	310	+1	12.9	4.2	34.8
133	84½	Fleming Far East	128	130	+1	1.4	1.1	..
140	109	Fleming Fledgling	132	135	+2	3.6	2.7	51.7
739	480	Fleming Japan	682	685	●-8½	5.7	0.8	..
174	123	Fleming Mercantile	170	172	-1	5.5	3.2	44.2
182	123	Fleming Overseas	157	158	+2½	3.9	2.5	78.0
182	140	Fleming Tech	153	156	+2	3.3	2.1	..
143	107	Fleming Universal	140	143	● ..	2.1b	1.5	69.3
102	68	For Col	99½	100½	..	2.4b	2.4	67.8
109	88	GBC Capital	92	..	..	..	..	..
232	116	GT Japan	208	211	●-2	2.0	1.0	..
193	138	General Funds	186	189	+1	2.9	1.5	97.9
320	275	General Cons	307	312	..	17.9b	5.8	27.2
148	115	Glasgow Stock	140	144	+2	3.4	2.4	58.0
128	97	Globe	120	121	+½	5.2	4.3	31.0
147	127	Govett Atlantic	134	136	-1	4.0b	3.0	42.1
222	138	Govett Oriental	208	210	●+1½	3.3	1.6	91.7
280	184	Govett Strategy	251	254	● ..	5.4	2.1	63.1
400	244	Greenfriar	395	405	-5	2.4	0.6	..
325	215	Gresham House	270	280	+10	6.9	2.5	30.1
202	158	Hambros	194	196	+1	6.4	3.3	43.0
108	104	India Fund	105	110	..	..	..	..
850	540	Invest in Success	833	843	+3	8.2	1.0	..
284	244	Inv Cap	244	263	+1½	17.1b	6.5	44.5
185	132	Ivory & Sime	140	143	+4	6.8	4.8	19.5
83	45	Japan Assets	59	60	+1	0.1	0.2	..
104	80	Kleinwort Charter	100	102	+3	3.5	3.5	43.5
141	110	Kleinwort O'seas	139	140	+2½	3.6	2.6	..
296	237	Kleinwort Smaller	280	300	●-5	12.8	4.1	..
236	188	Law Debenture	234	237	+2	9.0	3.8	28.8
78	55	Lon Merchant Sec	62	64	●+1	3.6	5.7	12.8
71	57	Lon Trust	56	58	..	1.1	1.9	62.6
126	102	Merchants	119	121	..	6.4b	5.3	31.7
30½	21½	Merrill Lynch	27½	..	-½	..	..	..
221	161	Monks	217	219	-2	3.7	1.7	82.3
185	128	Murray Income	151	153	●+1	8.6b	5.7	28.2
185	137	Murray Intl	187	188	+3½	7.1s	4.2	32.8
355	215	Murray Small	354	358	..	3.9	1.1	..
418	318	Murray Venture	415	420	●+3	14.3b	3.4	47.8
440	300	New Court	414	419	+2	21.3	5.1	28.9
287	49	New Darien Oil	57	59	..	0.9e	1.6	63.7
218	158	928	215	220	+10	5.7	2.6	42.4
64	50½	Nthbrg Inc 83	62	63½	+2	4.6	7.6	17.4
271	185	Nth Tokyo	228	230	+2	1.1e	0.5	..
364	278	Nth Atlantic Sec	350	355	+2	4.9	1.4	99.3
81	20	Nth Sea Assets	26	30	+2	..	..	45.9
406	279	Rdn Amer	382	385	-1	7.7b	2.0	70.2
210	145	Outwich	206	211	+1	4.9	2.3	54.0
103	65	Pacific Assets	100	102	+1	1.0	1.0	..
42	25	Do Wrnts	37	40	..	..	..	..
42	35	Personal Assets	38½	38	+½	0.5	1.3	98.7
433	338	Raeburn	425	430	..	17.1	4.0	43.4
171	147	River & Merc	166	168	+2	8.6b	5.1	30.7
271	216	River Plate	268	273	+3	12.4	4.6	31.4
287	207	Robeco	279	..	..	..	..	..
259	181	Rolinco	252	..	..	..	..	..
382	287	Romney	371	376	-1	7.1	1.9	57.3
15¾	11½	Rorento	15¾	..	-⅛	..	..	..
153	118	St Andrews	151	154	+7	4.6b	3.0	32.0
405	297	Scottish	386	390	-5	8.8	2.3	67.1
83	68	Scot American	80	81	+2	2.6b	3.2	80.4
127	89	Scot Eastern	120	122	●-1	2.9	2.4	63.4
84	78	Scot Merc 'A'	82	85	+1	..	..	..
555	402	Scot Mtge	537	539	●+1½	12.8	2.3	58.0
318	245	Scot Nat	305	..	..	7.2	2.4	57.1
711	570	Second Alliance	705	..	..	26.4	3.7	34.7
92	66	Secs Tst Of Scot	88	90	●+1½	4.3b	4.8	32.8
82	67	Smaller Cos	78	80	+1	2.0	2.5	55.2
109	81	TR Australia	108	110	..	3.3	3.0	38.4
61	47½	TR Cty Of Lon Dfd	56½	58	s+¼	3.1b	5.3	27.6
220	155	TR Ind & Gen	213	215	..	5.7	2.7	48.2
148	100½	TR Natural Res	145	148	-2	5.8	4.0	31.5
101	89	TR North America	95	97	+1	2.6	2.7	48.7
187	119	TR Pacific Basin	178	180	..	1.4	0.8	..
196	140	TR Property	194	197	+2	5.7	2.9	43.5
118	90½	TR Tech	111	113	+2	2.8	2.5	52.8
180	139	TR Trustees	175	178	..	6.0	3.4	39.3
168	135	Temple Bar	152	155	+¼	8.1b	5.3	28.7
305	237	Throgmorton	289	292	..	11.9b	4.1	34.8
380	300	Throg Secured Cap	370	380	+30	..	..	..
214	157½	Trans Oceanic	206	210	+2	5.5	2.6	52.1
146	112	Tribune	144	147	+4	4.0	2.7	41.8
95	79	Triplevest Inc	84	85½	● ..	17.1	20.1	7.7
303	217	US Debenture	292	296	-4	9.3	3.2	58.9
51	35	Value Inc Tst	40	42	..	..	..	..
62	33	Wang Resources	38	40	-½	2.9b	7.3	19.5
74	53	Westpool	60	62	●+1	2.3	3.8	30.0
109	80½	Witan	105	107	+1½	2.3	2.2	80.5
385	286	Yeoman	380	390	+2	15.7b	4.1	38.7

FINANCIAL TRUSTS

1986 High	Low	Company	Bid	Offer	Ch'ge	Gross div pence	Yld %	P/E
47	34	American Express	40	..	● ..	..	..	..
[illegible]	[illegible]	Argyle	63	66	+1	1.4	2.2	34.8
[illegible]	[illegible]	Boustead	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]
154	118	Britannia Arrow	142	143	●+4½	6.9	4.8	16.7
[illegible]	[illegible]	Daily Mail	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]
[illegible]	[illegible]	Do 'A'	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]
[illegible]	[illegible]	Electra	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]
[illegible]	[illegible]	Eng Trust	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]
[illegible]	[illegible]	Exco	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]
[illegible]	[illegible]	Exploration	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]
[illegible]	[illegible]	Framlington	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]
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COMMODITIES

LONDON COMMODITY EXCHANGE
G W Joynson and Co report

SUGAR (From C. Czarnikow)
FOB
Dec 141.6-40.0
Mar 154.4-54.2
May 158.6-58.0
Aug 163.0-62.6
Oct 167.2-66.2
Dec 172.2-69.0
Vol: 2430

COCOA
Dec 1516-15
Mar 1553-51
May 1575-74
Jul 1597-95
Sep 1618-17
Dec 1648-47
Mar 1678-73
Vol: 995

COFFEE
Nov 2388-385
Jan 2375-370
Mar 2260-255
May 2250-245
Jul 2250-240
Sep 2260-240
Nov 2260-240
Vol: 8502

SOYABEAN
Dec 133.6-33.5
Feb 135.5-35.0
Apr 137.0-36.0
Jun 134.8-34.2
Aug 134.5-32.2
Oct 136.5-33.0
Dec 139.0-34.0
Vol: 509

INTERNATIONAL PETROLEUM EXCHANGE
Supplied via Commodity Market Services Ltd

HEAVY FUEL OIL
Nov 65.0-65.50
Dec 67.0-69.50
Jan 70.0-74.00
Feb 70.0-72.00
Mar 70.0-71.00
Apr —
May —
Vol 137

GAS OIL
Nov 114.25-14.00
Dec 119.25-19.00
Jan 123.00-22.75
Feb 126.25-26.00
Mar 122.50-22.00
Apr 121.50-20.00
May 120.50-15.00
Jun 126.00-15.00
Jul 125.00-15.00
Vol: 3752

LONDON METAL EXCHANGE
Unofficial prices
Official Turnover figures
Price in £ per metric tonne
Silver in pence per troy ounce
Rudolf Wolf & Co. Ltd. report

COPPER GRADE A
Cash 931.50-932.50
Three Months 956.50-957.00
Vol 3950
Tone Barely Steady

STANDARD CATHODES
Cash 909.00-910.00
Three Months 936.00-937.00
Vol 100
Tone Quiet

LEAD
Cash 317.00-318.00
Three Months 314.00-315.00
Vol 1100
Tone Steadier

ZINC STANDARD
Cash 592.00-602.00
Vol Nil
Tone Idle

ZINC HIGH GRADE
Cash 623.00-624.00
Three Months 618.00-618.50
Vol 1900
Tone Steadier

SILVER LARGE
Cash 400.50-402.50
Three Months 411.00-413.00
Vol Nil
Tone Idle

SILVER SMALL
Cash 400.50-402.50
Three Months 411.00-413.00
Vol Nil
Tone Idle

ALUMINIUM
Cash 814.00-815.00
Three Months 830.00-830.50
Vol 3550
Tone Steady

NICKEL
Cash 2550-2560
Three Months 2613-2614
Vol 264
Tone Steady

MEAT AND LIVESTOCK COMMISSION
Average fatstock prices at representative markets on October 27
GB: Cattle, 93.10p per kg lw (-0.33)
GB: Sheep 134.12p per kg* (+7.96)
GB: Pigs, 79.34p per kg lw (+1.96)
* est. dead carcase weight
England and Wales:
Cattle nos. up 9.6 %, ave. price, 93.19p(-0.31)
Sheep nos. down 4.5 %, ave. price, 135.48p(+8.44)
Pig nos. up 21.2 %, ave. price, 79.35p(+2.00)
Scotland:
Cattle nos. down 6.6 %, ave. price, 92.35p(-0.60)
Sheep nos. down 3.3 %, ave. price, 129.39p(+6.32)
Pig nos. up 40.9 %, ave. price, 77.53p(-4.64)

LONDON MEAT FUTURES EXCHANGE
Live Pig Contract p. per kilo

Month	Open	Close
Oct	101.80	101.70
Nov	103.80	103.80
Feb	97.80	97.50
Apr	98.00	98.00
Jun	97.00	97.00
Aug	95.50	95.50
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Vol: 2
Pig Meat vol: 2

LONDON MEAT FUTURES EXCHANGE
Live Cattle Contract p. per kilo

Month	Open	Close
Oct	95.80	95.50
Nov	97.00	97.00
Feb	100.00	100.00
Apr	102.00	102.00
Jun	100.00	100.00
Aug	97.50	97.50
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Vol: 0

LONDON GRAIN FUTURES
£ per tonne

Month	Wheat Close	Barley Close
Nov	108.55	110.00
Jan	111.75	112.75
Mar	114.30	114.90
May	116.35	115.65
Jul	118.25	
Sep	101.75	101.60

Volume:
Wheat 634
Barley 200

LONDON POTATO FUTURES
£ per tonne

Month	Open	Close
Nov	106.50	105.30
Feb	118.50	118.00
Apr	167.10	162.00
May	181.80	179.30
Nov	85.00	85.00
—	—	—

Vol: 396

BIFFEX
G.N.I. Freight Futures Ltd report $10 per index point freight index

	High/Low	Close
Oct 86	782.0-782.0	783.5
Jan 87	782.0-782.0	760.0
Apr 87	802.0-800.0	800.0
Jul 87	715.0-715.0	718.0
Oct 87	—	818.5
Jan 88	—	816.5
Apr 88	—	825.0
Jul 88	—	830.0

Vol: 39 lots
Open interest: 2685

TANKER REPORT

	High/Low	Close
Oct 86	—	800.0
Nov 86	950.0-950.0	950.0
Dec 86	—	942.5
Mar 87	—	952.5
Jun 87	—	932.5
Sep 87	—	953.0

Vol: 13 lots
Open interest 30
Spot market commentary:
Tanker index: 791.0 down 2.5 on 24/10/86
Dry cargo index: 796.0 up 1.5 on 24/10/86

Edited by Matthew May

COMPUTER HORIZONS/1

Too few staff – too little training

One of the most important contributions that new technology can make to our way of life is to provide automated abbatoirs for sacred cows." The comment comes from Sir Ian Lloyd, in the introduction to the latest report on the skills shortage in information technology.

The report published to-day is based on a seminar held by the Parliamentary IT Comittee (Pitcom) and singles out the misallocation of resources for particular criticism. They occur sometimes, says the report, on an awe-inspiring scale.

It joins what is now a huge pile of different surveys and reports by government, professional, and commercial organizations, all pointing to some disturbing employement trends in data processing. Between them, they highlight extreme staff shortages, unscrupulous recruitment tactics, a constantly shifting work force, depletion of training investment, inflationary salary spirals and complications in employment legalities.



Philip Virgo: Acute problems

THE WEEK

By Eddie Coulter

First pointer to the problem is the generally acknowledged shortage of staff. There are said to be at least 35,000 vacant jobs in the data-processing market and no suitable people to fill them. Yet one survey shows that two-thirds of all information-technology users do not employ trainees. Unlike many trades and professions, the needs for skills in the computer industry is a continuing requirement. It demands regular annual training in new techniques and methodologies.

Yet it appears from another report that half of the staff employed in UK data-processing jobs have received no training whatsoever in the last year. This inevitably places them at a disadvantage to their contemporaries in other companies, so it is natural that they seek experience-gaining jobs elsewhere.

Where training is given and companies additionally invest in, for example, advanced software-design tools for staff use, the experienced analyst/programmers – where demand is expected to increase by more than 30 per cent in the five-year period to 1990 – and others are able to demand higher salaries for their advanced skills.

There is already, say the reports, an overall 10 per cent shortage in development staff, higher in specific business sectors which are in expansion periods – such as the banks and financial markets fuelled by Big Bang.

Skills ensure high productivity, so it is no surprise that salaries of data-processing banking staff in sharp contrast to many other areas of computing have risen by 25 per cent in the last year. The shortages of certain specialists has led to the additional problems problems of poaching and job-hopping. This is demonstrated by recent figures claiming that 42 per cent of DP personnel stay with the same employer for only two years.

"The whole recruitment problem in data processing is exceedingly serious," says Philip Virgo, chief executive of IT Strategy Services, who specialise in strategic planning for IT and DP staff. "It is a problem which has been with us for over 20 years, but now it is becoming acute."

Mr Virgo recently came across another disturbing survey which claims that average annual DP staff turnover, already running at 25 per cent in 1985, has risen to an astonishing 40 per cent in 1986. He says: "Such staff movement makes it extremely difficult for employers to plan projects properly. It does, however, encourage wider use of software packages and complete bolt-on systems.

Another answer is poaching. One recently reported instance involved a small bank's entire specialist money-market computer staff defecting to another bank, where the head of data processing had shortly before been in charge of the first bank's staff.

There is little it seems that employers can do about the poaching problem. Eric Suter, a consultant on labour law and industrial relations, says: "Unless a company can prove inducement to breach of contract – and that does not apply if an employee gives proper notice – there is nothing firms can do about the situation."

Invariably the law comes down in favour of the employee unless contracts have been carefully worded and are not considered an unreasonable restriction on an employees ability to get another job. The legal issues surrounding such aspects of computer industry employment are complex, as are many other aspects of *Information Technology and the Law* – a new book designed for DP and information systems staff.

Apart from specifically covering employee-employer relationships, the book outlines the various aspects of legality which may affect employees (copyright, patents, contracts, and fraud as well as data protection, telecommunications regulations, and insurance). With high levels of staff turnover and the recruitment costs, estimated at £3,000 a head on average, some companies claim it is hard to find the money for training, especially if staff are not going to stay beyond two years. But gaining additional skills is often cited as a reason for staff moving.

The Pitcom Proceedings on IT Skills Shortages is available from 2 Eastbourne Avenue, Acton, London W3 6JN; price £25
Information Technology And Law, by Chris Edwards and Nigel Savage is published by Globe Books Services, a division of Macmillan Publishers (ISBN 0 333 41393 8); £35.

Fujitsu buys into Silicon Valley

From Andrew Pollack in San Francisco

Fujitsu, the giant Japanese electronics company, will buy a majority interest in Fairchild Semiconductor, a pioneering Silicon Valley computer-chip manufacturer now owned by Schlumberger.

Under an agreement in principle, Fujitsu will own 80 per cent of Fairchild and will make a "substantial equity investment" in the company. Fujitsu will combine Fairchild with its own American chip divisions and parts of its European operations.

Schlumberger will retain a 20 percent stake. The price of the transaction was not disclosed. But Schlumberger said it expects to record a loss of about £140 million on the transaction in the fourth quarter of 1986, indicating that Fairchild was sold for less than book value.

The agreement represents yet another step in the progress of the Japanese over the depressed American semiconductor industry.

In a somewhat similar area, Honeywell is discussing combining its computer operations with Japan's NEC and France's Bull Group.

The Fairchild sale had been expected. Fairchild has consistently lost money and Schlumberger can no longer afford to carry it since its main business, oil-well logging, is also ailing because of the drop in energy prices.

The chip industry has been plagued by surplus capacity and losses. Also, many vendors now offer to make customized chips, so a company can obtain chips tailored to its needs without having to own its own semiconductor manufacturing facilities.

Last year the United Technologies Corp. gave up on its Mostek unit and Honeywell sold off its Synertek semiconductor company. Industry sources said that many other diversified companies are looking to sell or reduce their semiconductor activities, including the General Instrument Corp., the General Electric Co., Gould Inc., and even the American Telephone and Telegraph.

Analysts say the combination with Fujitsu, which concentrates on memory chips, will be good because the products complement one another and because each will gain access for its products to the other's market. *(NY Times)*

Has America hijacked OSI?

ICL is the first European company to join the Corporation for Open Systems (COS), an American consortium of 50 of the biggest computer suppliers and users, formed to make it easier for different makes of computers to talk to each other.

It is the latest move in a complex political and technical struggle between Europe and the US for control of the standards to be built into the next generation of computers.

Eight years ago the two international standards bodies for computers (ISO) and telecommunications (CCITT) agreed the outline of the Open Systems Interconnection (OSI) model for linking different computers.

This model took the form of seven layers, from the lowest physical level, which deals with plug in connections to communication lines, through to the highest application layer, which handles the user's dialogue between machines.

It was very nearly still-born, because there was already a de facto standard on the market,

STANDARDS

By Richard Sarson

IBM's System Network Architecture (SNA), progressively being adopted by the big corporations all over the world.

As a result, Sperry, Honeywell and Burroughs in America and ICL, Siemens and Nixdorf in Europe were in danger of losing some of their bigger customers, who wanted to join the SNA bandwagon.

ICL was the first to take action. In 1983, it persuaded 11 other European computer and telecoms vendors to form the Standards Promotion and Application Group (SPAG), to promote the OSI standard, and ensure that their pieces of equipment would be able to talk to each other.

The companies persuaded their governments to insist on OSI compatibility, for all public-sector tendering. The next stage was to test whether machines from different vendors conform to OSI standards.

There was a lot of urgency about this, because if the equipment from different vendors are not seen to work together users will lose patience, and revert to IBM's SNA.

The testers in this country are the National Computing Centre in Manchester and The Networking Centre at Hemel Hempstead. Both of these testing centres were pump-primed very generously by the Government, which has always recognized the strategic importance of OSI.

The NCC has been doing conformance testing since 1982, and has a reputation unequalled on either side of the Atlantic. At this stage the Europeans held the initiative on OSI.

Earlier this month in Brussels, SPAG Services was launched by eight major European computer companies including ICL to be another test centre.

However, the Americans have not being standing still. In January they formed the Corporation of Open Systems. It is funded to the tune of $13 million against SPAG Services' $2.4 million and has 50 members, including all the leading players.

Among them is IBM, which has itself become a late convert to the ideal of open systems, and is providing a gateway from SNA to OSI. It, too has set up a conformance testing centre in France.

Already, the European initiatives seem puny. However, in terms of skills, Europe still has the edge, and it was in recognition of this that COS has taken on Ian Davidson of the NCC, as its technical director.

COS will also be going out to the open market for its conformance testing tools, and these are likely to come from Europe, particularly Britain.

In the last weeks, there have been meetings between SPAG and COS. ICL has joined COS as a fully paid-up research member, with the maximum votes, and SPAG Services has agreed to accept a COS staff member on its technical committee.

All this means that there will be no Atlantic split in the development of OSI standards, with Europe developing one dialect of OSI and America another. Most of the technology and skills will be European.

But the voting power will pass to the Americans, and so will the ownership of the testing tools. Because testing is so complex, Jamesde Raeve of the Networking centre believes that whoever owns the testing tools controls the standard.

Perhaps ICL, by joining COS, has conceded that if you cannot beat them join them. The question now is whether ICL's European partners in SPAG will follow suit.

Anybody know a good mechanic?

Computers have a reputation as machines which rarely break down – but if you ask anyone who has ever suffered from a hard-disc failure or power-supply cooling fan breakdown, you will find the technology's halo severely tarnished.

Unfortunately, the pace of change in the end of the computer industry most prone to breakdowns (simply because of the larger number of moving parts) has been such that it is difficult to get qualified people to do the maintenance work.



People expect more reliability than technology can produce

REPAIRS

By Geof Wheelwright

That at least, is the experience of Sysmatic, a new national third-party maintenance company launched earlier this month. Tom Dalzell, chairman of Sysmatic's parent company Sintrom, says that the need for maintenance is one of the dark-horse issues in the computer industry.

He adds: "We have discovered over the years that mechanics give more trouble than electronics. Users have been very exposed with the mechanics of computer peripherals. People are often surprised with the amount of service that they really need; they expect more reliability than the technology can produce."

Sysmatic's newly appointed general manager, Adnam Al-Falah, says that this problem is only now becoming apparent and that maintenance companies are scrambling for qualified employees. "One of the major obstacles to expansion is finding trained people," he says. "There is a shortage of trained people at the bottom end of the market. We're hoping to tackle that by getting trainees in and giving them on-the-job expertise."

Peripheral manufacturers, realizing that properly trained service people can help to enhance the reputation and reliability of their products, are offering training courses to employees of third party maintenance companies. This is crucial particularly in the area of hard-disc storage-device manufacture, where new products have been introduced recently at such a rate that it is difficult to keep people properly trained.

Mr Al-Falah says: "Product life has shrunk. The timescale on getting the expertise is also shrinking."

The major effect of this new product development will be that the days of the all-rounder computer repair person are likely to disappear.

Maintenance organizations will need to have a technical-support team that specializes in a range of products. Some of the team will be computer "GPs" who can treat most common computer ailments. They will probably handle most low-cost contracts, such as maintaining personal computers, but call in specialists for the treatment of thorny problems.

Though users are getting more sophisticated and have less need of general purpose maintenance people, there are still a reasonable percentage of the problems that are what the industry decribes as "user-induced" faults. Service organizations still, for example, come across people who have problems because they unplug the computer's mains switch to plug in a coffee pot.

Hold on Japanese prices

By Calvin Sims

The US government has assigned prices for computer chips made by Japanese semiconductor manufacturers that analysts in the US say are substantially lower than current minimun export prices for computer chips.

The official prices, known as fair market values, are released only to the Japanese companies, which can sell chips at or above assigned prices but not below.

Analysts said that minimum prices for 256K DRAMs, or dynamic random access memory chips, which now range from about $4 to $8, were lowered to a range of between $2.50 and $4 while prices for EPROMs, or electronically programmable, read-only memory chips, were reduced by at least 20 percent.

The prices are effective until the end of December.

UK tries for multi-user lead

A multinational battle for supremacy in the multi-user micro and minicomputer operating system business is brewing and UK is this week trying for the top spot, writes Geof Wheelwright.

Companies that produce multi-user operating systems for microcomputers – which allow several people to share a main computer processor or computer add-ons – have for most of their lives operated pretty much in the wilderness. Most data-processing managers have so far refused to believe that true multi-user systems can take the place of large micros and small minicomputers.

But the advent of new and powerful microcomputer processors, such as Intel's 80386 and Motorola's 68030, could change that. The claim is that multi-user computing can be achieved via beefed-up desktop microcomputers.

The problem now is that most of the existing multi-user operating systems started life on minicomputers – and have

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not necessarily adapted well to the constraints of life on a microcomputer. And microcomputer operating systems, the most important of which is Microsoft's MS-DOS, have not yet been fully adapted to take advantage of the full power of a multi-user system.

But while Microsoft, Digital Research and other micro computer operating system houses fight to get their own versions of multi-user in some sort of order, firms with traditional minicomputer multi-user backgrounds are hoping to improve their reputations in the personal computer PC arena and steal the thunder of PC-systems houses.

Leading players include Bell Labs' Unix (owned by AT&T), Pick and the British-produced BOS (Business Operating System).

The battle lines being drawn up are blurred by some indistinct strategic alliances, such as Microsoft's support of its Unix-like Xenix operating system atthe same time as it works on the planned multi-user version of MS-DOS. London-based BOS Software organized a debate about the efficiency of BOS versus Unix last week, which it sees as its leading competitor.

BOS's managing director, John Johnson, said last week that the move was necessary to counter all the fuss being made over competitors Unix and Pick – and to prevent the problems that all-too-often overwhelm companies with too much traditional British reserve.

'We're finding the need now to come out of a corner and fight for our place in the market,' he said. "And a show is the right sort of vehicle for promoting a multi-user operating system."

Mr Johnson considers the timing of the show good, being just at the point when many users are beginning to understand that multi-user systems really can run effectively on micros.

Mr Johnson also said that he expected more competition in the near future as single-user operating system producers realized how quickly the market demand will shift from single-user to multi-user operating systems.

He added: "If our business was based on selling single-user software, I'd be very, very worried."

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COMPUTER HORIZONS/2

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There are only three days left to enter the 1986 UK Computer Press Awards jointly sponsored by *The Times* and Hewlett-Packard.

Friday is the deadline for this third year of the series of awards designed to encourage high standards in a sector of publishing with more than 200 publications. Already there has been a steady stream of entries.

The awards are based on articles, publications, pictures or programmes printed or broadcast between November 1, 1985, and October 31,1986.There are eight categories:

- *Computer Journal*;
- Computer Journalist (news);
- Computer Journalist (features);
- *Computer Columnist*;
- Computer Photographer;
- Best-designed Journal;
- Technology Programmme;
- Computer Personality;

This last award will be made as a result of the nominations of the award entrants. The winners will be announced at an awards dinner at Claridge's on November 26.

Entry forms and a copy of the rules can be obtained from Horsley Associates,Capital House, 20-22 Craven Road, London W2 3PX

Programming yourself to make more money

SALARIES
By Chris Naylor

Since the dawn of the computer age it has been almost a truism that anyone in computers is making a small, if not large, fortune. But, like many truisms, this particular one happens to be untrue.

Like the oil industry, in which everyone is assumed to be in the Dallas tax bracket, the computer industry still has its fair share of ordinary mortals . . . making a living, possibly a decent living, but not coining it.

Chief among these must be the programmers and analysts — now often with a variety of job titles — who produce the goods. Without programmers you have no software. And without software your hardware just sits there doing *nothing*.

So why is it that some programmers don't make a fortune? Or, to be more precise, why is it that some programmers don't make a fortune? For the fact remains that some of them do very nicely indeed, thank you, whereas the income of others more closely resembles the national average wage?

Obviously, there are several possible answers to the question but there's one which stands out — namely loyalty. Programmers at the lower end of the income scale are simply too loyal for their own good.

That may sound like a virtue being punished by the avarice of others. The loyal programmer coding away for a pittance while others take advantage of his or her goodwill. But it's not quite like that.

For the loyalty which the programmer demonstrates is often not to an employer or to any other person whatsoever, but to a machine.

This machine loyalty can come about in two distinct ways. The first cause of loyalty is simple loyalty to machines *per se*. Programmers like them. And are happy with them. When the computers work they are pleased and when they do not they are downcast.

It would be possible to let off an explosive charge next to such programmers and, as long as it didn't affect the machine, it would probably pass unnoticed.

Maybe such programmers should apply for better-paid jobs. Maybe they should even abandon programming in favour of a move up the employment hierarchy. But it's all maybe, maybe . . .

And the cure for this form of loyalty?

Well, there probably isn't one except by the merest chance. For either they have to be instilled with a desire to make more money or something which they are doing anyway must accidentally happen to make money.

Possibly in spare time, which will doubtless will be spent programming anyway, someone may produce a world-beating software package which will be their property and could make a fortune.

The other case of financially ruinous loyalty is that of the programmers who, while possibly liking computers in general, like their own particular brand just a little too much.

This happens because the more a programmer works on a particular machine the better he gets to know it and the better able to make it do everything wanted plus, usually, quite a few totally unreasonable things. And that increasing expertise tends to get reflected in a salary so, to some extent, the money increases.

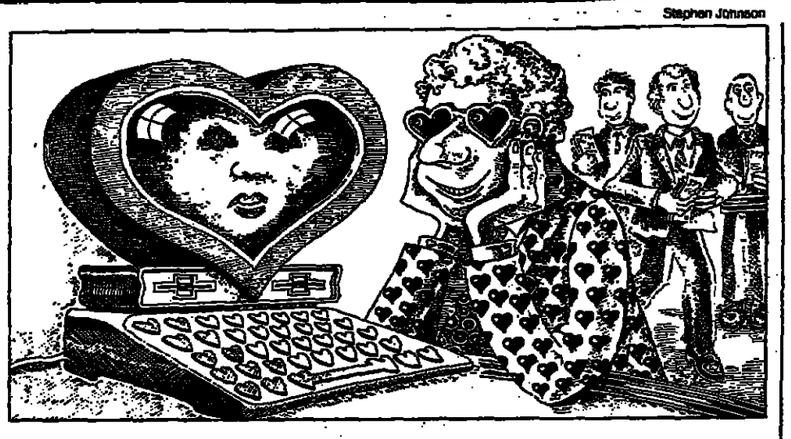
But expertise on one machine doesn't always equal expertise on all machines and this type of loyal programmer can easily find it difficult to move to a firm where the machines are different.

So, it's all too easy to stay put. And that's where the financial rot can start — because once he feels unable to change jobs it's more than likely that someone in his organization will spot the fact with disastrous effects on this his future earning power.

The only real solution is for the programmer to be ruthless and change jobs frequently. Not ruthless, initially, with employers so much as ruthless with himself.

A wide experience of a variety of machines and different types of work can often pay off in the long term.

Stephen Johnson



Much easier on the eyes

By Pearce Wright
Science Editor

A novel way to avoid three sources of eye fatigue which have bothered users of visual display units (VDUs) has come from the laboratories of British American Optical.

A team that has worked on special-purpose visors and optical systems for the aerospace industry and on safety lenses for occupational protection from radiation, moved into the ophthalmic field with the design of spectacles to overcome unwanted reflections and unclear images, which can come from the halo of light around characters that is common with screens using green phosphors.

Initially, the researchers were asked, if there was an obvious answer to the frequently voiced complaint, following the conversion of large offices to VDU work stations, about the fatigue known as a "bog-eye" feeling at the end of the day. The condition was most frequent among over-30s already wearing spectacles.

For spectacles wearers, the strain was found to concern the focal length of the lens. Prescriptions are chosen for the most comfortable reading position, or the "bridge-hand" distance as it is sometimes called, usually 12 to 18 inches.

Because of the shape of many screens and keyboards, and because they are not perched so easily on the edge of a desk, a VDU user already wearing spectacles and working with documents was constantly changing from the ideal focal distance when reading, to an extra six to eight inches when looking at the display.

The problem could not be solved by re-arranging the ergonomics of the work stations. But the first recommendation was relatively simple. It was for the new type of variable focal length lenses, designed to accommodate different distances when the eyes swivel between objects.

But the complaints about eye strain remained, concentrating on the need for better clarity of characters. Subsequent measurements examined the halo effect of various coloured screens, and identified how much the effect differed at varying levels of brightness of characters against the permanent background glow of the phosphor.

Then the haloes were eliminated by artificially removing the background glow through using tinted lenses. Although this reduces the perceived intensity of the characters, the clarity improves without the halo. The price is around £45 for every pair of spectacles for bulk orders or from company schemes.

One way into the high-tech business

JOBSCENE
By Edward Fennell

Ask a group of employers how people start in computing and each will give you a slightly different reply. But despite the discrepancies there is a commonly-quoted core of skills and attributes which most of them agree on for a typical entrant.

Programmers for example are seen as needing an analytical mind, logical thought, problem-solving abilities, communication skills and a personable and outward going nature.

Unfortunately not all of us can match up to this model and employers admit that such paragons are hard to find even though computing continues to attract young and ambitious people in droves.

There is little doubt that new and recent graduates form the bulk of any new intake at the trainee level.

But that doesn't mean all others are excluded. Programming courses under the Job Training Scheme, for example, report an employment success rate of more than 60 per cent so there's still hope for those coming from alternative routes.

Not surprisingly, however, virtually all employers put the emphasis on youth for new entrants to the business. After the age of 25 it is difficult to be considered for a graduate trainee scheme and the majority of Job Training Scheme recruits are under 30.

The other important feature of recruiters' preferences is the priority given to all-round personality and communication skills.

As Ian Kavanagh, of Mars Group Services, commented: "There are plenty of technically-skilled square-eyed people around but we want our recruits to have some human qualities as well.

"After all, once they've got through their training they spend only about half their time at the desk. The rest of the week they're out dealing with users and communicating with people who aren't computer specialists themselves. The ability to communicate is essential."

The Mars group is a little unusual because it recruits trainee programmers with the expectation that many of them will move off later into broader management jobs — not even specially related to computing.

Such a policy may be excellent for the company's long-term future but it has its recruitment drawbacks. As Mr Kavanagh confesses: "It is very difficult to get the right kind of people — the ones who have that extra edge of high-level personal skills are few and far between."

It is perhaps easier when you are looking purely for long-term computer staff. Tesco's computer recruiters say that they have no problems in making their 16 annual trainee appointments.

The company is certainly open to applications from people up to the age of 25 but it stresses that, most commonly, successful applicants are numerate with a computer-oriented sandwich course behind them.

Nonetheless they welcome applications from people of all degree disciplines.

The MSC's Job Training Scheme offers a number of courses, which last between 12 and 18 weeks and provide a very good alternative to the usual requirement of a degree qualification.

But getting on to an MSC course is not easy. It requires a pass in an aptitude test and a good performance in a demanding interview.

The use of aptitude tests among employers is now common but not universal. There are still a few who believe that anyone with a reasonable academic qualification should be able to cope intellectually with programming and therefore they select purely on the basis of personal presentation and communication skills.

Knowing the individual preferences of employers can be an important part of your job-hunt strategy. In some cases you'll be expected to be familiar with all the jargon and buzz-words and possess a reasonable level of computer literacy.

In others, the important thing will be the probing of your character and personal skills. And, of course, most employers have their own little prejudices — one major insurance company, for example, was interested only in applications from the top 20 universities.

Euro group chips in against US

■ European Silicon Structures, ES2, a pan-European company founded by Robb Wilmot, is expected to start first deliveries of its chips later this month.

ES2 is an attempt to provide a European answer to the dominance of American and Japanese manufacturers.

Its organization is spread around Europe with headquarters in Munich, a design centre in Bracknell and a chip factory planned for Aix-en-Provence in France by the beginning of 1988.

The current order from a French company is being made in California.

■ The US government in the form of its commerce department is pressuring West Germany to allow AT&T to get its sales people's feet in Europe's door.

The matter is so important that US officials pressed the issue with the West German embassy on the eve of an official visit to Washington by Chancellor Helmut Kohl.

The administration claims the Germans are pressuring France to reject a proposal that would give AT & T and its Dutch partner, N.V. Philips, 16 per cent of the digital-switch business of the state-owned French telephone company.

■ Bridging the gap between micro and mini and mini and mainframe with new jargon seems to be catching on. Norsk Data is to announce tommorrow a micro-mini and earlier this month Sperry launched a midframe.

Geof Butcher, Norsk Data's UK marketing manager, describes the new product, the Butterfly, as a radical step for the company. It consists of an Ericsson PC/AT, running MS-DOS, coupled in the same unit with a Norsk 16-bit mini. Prices start at £5,500.

■ Financial services face considerable risks in using computers, says accountants Deloite, Haskins & Sells in a report on the topic. The spread of micros which, says the survey, are "inherently insecure" is of particular concern.

Though access to mainframe data is usually controlled, the same information on a micro is often easily available with floppy discs easily removed and hard discs sometimes sent for repair with confidential information still stored on them.

■ A desktop publishing system, based on the IBM-PC and compatibles, designed to produce both pictures and text on screen, is to be announced before the end of the year by Prefis, a software house.

Called Picture Machine, it uses a specially designed circuit board from a computer-imaging firm, Thermoteknix, and can accept pictures from video cameras, VCRs or video scanners.

Price for a system to add to an existing PC and laser printer will be £5,500 and a complete system £12,000. Information: 0920-5890.

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Working robot for £5,000

If your idea of a personal robot is something along the lines of R2D2, then you're going to be disappointed in RTX – a new kind of personal robot launched last week by Universal Machine Intelligence.

RTX has no voice, no charming personality and will be little help when trying to rescue Princess Leia.

But if your idea of a robot is something analagous to the personal computer – accessible, affordable and widely applicable – then you will recognize that RTX represents a major step forward in the state of the art.

In essence, RTX is a straightforward industrial type robot arm that can lift, move and manipulate objects within what is described as its "working envelope".

Its design is based loosely on a type of robot favoured by

ROBOTS

By Richard Pawson

the Japanese, known as Scara, for light industrial and assembly applications. But RTX has a greater reach than many of its competitors and more articulations at the wrist so that objects can be grasped from any angle.

But the most startling feature is its price – at £5,000 it is at least a quarter of anything comparable. You need to have a PC to program the robot, but since Amstrad's PC1512 this is hardly a major additional cost.

At this price, said UMI's co-founder Tim Jones, robotics becomes accessible to large groups of people who couldn't previously consider the technology.

Rather than trying to take business from the existing robot manufacturers, UMI will endeavour to open up whole new markets, from chemical laboratories, manufacturing to health care.

"It's very like the early days of the personal computer," said Mr Jones. "The inventors of the Apple II couldn't say exactly what it would be used for, but at that price companies could afford to buy one out of petty cash and just experiment."

But the discerning buyer will want to know why RTX can be built so cheaply, and why the other robot manufacturers haven't already done the same.

The answer to the first question is two-fold: mass production engineering – as opposed to capital equipment solutions – and what UMI describes as "realistic specifications".

The RTX robot can be positioned with an accuracy of 1 millimetre and although existing industrial robots can beat this figure hands down, Mr Jones claims that greater accuracy, which can be down to a tenth of a millimetre, is often wasted on many applications.

The viability of this argument will take time to be tested, as will the reliability of the injection moulded structures and off-the-shelf components used in RTX's constructions.



UMI's RTX at work – this robot can be positioned with an accuracy of one millimetre. Greater accuracy is often wasted in some job applications

One thing is certain – to justify the mass production designs used, UMI will need to sell an awful lot of robots. Some 60 arms have been built and are being evaluated by companies and research institutes around the world.

RTX is being manufactured in Britain by AB Electronics – which expects to be producing more than 1,000 units during the next 12 months. This is no mean sales target. The British Robot Association said the total number of new industrial robots installed in Britain last year was only 600.

If the personal robot is going to become a reality in industry, and not merely become the robotic equivalent to the video games machine, it will be necessary to demonstrate some real applications early on.

UMI's goal, not surprisingly, is to identify the robot equivalent of Visicalc – a financial spread sheet (responsible for a huge proportion of the early Apple II sales – either through its own software department, or more likely by working with third party organizations.

UMI's current list of users already makes interesting reading, especially the development of an automated kitchen for the disabled by the Stein Gerontological Institute in Miami. But to take a hard, commercial view, it is the industrial users who really count.

Readsons Ltd, one of the largest privately owned clothing manufacturers in England, has been developing a fabric handling system based on RTX and a specialized unit developed at Leeds University.

The suggestion is that the automated production of simple garments could be a matter of months away. It could be a major first for Britain – the Japanese research project into the same field, which admittedly has more advanced goals, will not exist in prototype until the early 1990s.

Bull plans to broaden American interests

The French state computer group Cie des Machines Bull, which is on the government's privatization list, expects to double its profits this year.

The figures will be helped by an improvement in productivity, said Francis Lorentz, director-general of the company. He told a meeting of investment analysts in Paris last week that "we will at least double last year's consolidated net profit of 110 million francs (about £11.7 million), although he emphasized that a precise forecast was difficult.

In the first half of this year Bull more than tripled its consolidated net profit to 144 million francs from 39 million in the first half of 1985.

Mr Lorentz said that Bull's discussions on eventually taking a stake in the information systems business of the American computer firm Honeywell were continuing, but there were no details yet.

Last month Honeywell announced it was seeking to combine its two-billion-dollar systems business with both Bull and NEC of Japan in an attempt at a worldwide joint venture.

The strategy of expansion abroad

Honeywell used to have a 47 per cent stake in Bull, which was then known as CII Honeywell Bull, until the French government increased its majority stake in 1982.

Mr Lorentz said that if the negotiations were successful, Bull expected to finance two-thirds of the acquisition cost of any stake from its own resources, with the rest of the funds coming either from an appeal to shareholders, present or future, or from borrowings.

He said any acquisition of Honeywell's activities would form a natural part of the group's strategy of expanding into overseas markets, commenting that Bull's dependence on the French market was a point of weakness. *(Reuters)*

A bid to get on the same train

By David Guest

Most computers have a high proportion of base metal and a sprinkling of gold but there is no transmutation involved.

These are simply the raw materials from which the machines cabinets, frames and circuitry are commonly constructed. The philosopher's stone of computing aims at much more prosaic ends – to make the metals the least of the similarities between different computers.

The incompatibilities between computers from different manufacturers are among the big computer users' main bugbears. Trying to make them work together is like running a railway network with more than one gauge of track.

The result is that much of the operation has to be duplicated – the engines and rolling stock in particular.

For the present generation of rail travellers there are three possible solutions – either train-loads of people and goods can be disembarked at a junction to board a new train or the coaches and trucks can be hoisted bodily on to a new set of bogeys.

For the future, legislative bodies can be encouraged to adopt a single standard gauge. The computer industry is pursuing all three possibities.

In the first case there are companies such as Britain's Xionics, which sells a networking system that depends on a hierarchy of switches. This is strictly for large operators – a Xionics contract can run into seven figures.

It is appropriate that it should be an Australian company that claims an important breakthrough in the second approach to the problem – Australia has a long experience of different gauge railways.

Austec, a software company that originated in Melbourne, is selling a product that tries to make computers forget their differences in certain circumstances.

It concentrates on making Cobol programs portable from one machine to another. This is far from a minority interest in the computer world – most of the total inventory of existing programs is written in Cobol.

Austec's Ace products create the illusion of a single common computer system so that programs and the files they use can be shunted round an Acebridge network regardless of the type of computer actually being used.

According to the research organization, IDC, they genuinely work with the main problem making the physical connection between the different machines.

Austec's general manager, Brian Wadsworth, said that the company was on the point of producing a manual to help people write their own "connectivity modules" to make the software work on their individual physical links.

He sees the technique as primarily for personal computer users and the programs are priced accordingly. Acebridge costing from £300, depending on the size of the computer.

Set a standard for the future

The designers of Cobol intended the language and programs written in it to run on any kind of hardware – the Co in Cobol actually stands for common. But, as Mr Wadsworth recalled, the style of computing changed too quickly for a Cobol standard to keep pace.

Computer manufacturers used their own recipes to make Cobol deal with developments like the VDU and the result was a profusion of incompatible programs designed for incompatible machines.

The third approach to the railway-gauge problem – to establish a standard for the future and avoid incompatiblity – is in the hands of the International Standards Organization (ISO).

With the collaboration of computer manufacturers and users it is promoting a rule book which should make it possible to link complete systems. This may prove as elusive as the original philospher's stone.

Sophisticated smart card adds chic to plastic credit

There can no longer be any doubt that the day of the smart card with its on board computer is just around the corner. There also seems little doubt that few British financial institutions are yet taking the development seriously enough.

The fortunes of the card have changed dramatically in the last year. Previously it had found acceptance only in its birthplace, France, but manufacturers, potential users and analysts in both the US and Japan seem to have recognised it's tremendous potential.

The industry itself now expects over 100 million cards to be in use in both these countries by 1991 and for the card to dominate the marketplace by 1995.

Such are the conclusions of a report* published this week that strongly advises anyone involved with plastic cards to start taking the development seriously.

The smart card is the same size and thickness as the ubiquitous credit card but embedded within it is a powerful microprocessor and a memory holding at least 8 kilobits of data.

It can record far more information than the magnetic stripe on today's bank and credit cards. Used for financial transactions it can carry details of the holder's account, credit limit, previous buys and sophisticated security numbers.

The processor in the card can prove the holder's identity without the need to check with a central computer and can complete a transaction on the spot. The same card replaces cheque guarantee cards, traveller's cheques and could also be used to settle payments for trains, buses, taxis, phonecalls etc.

MONEY

By Keith Hindley

But its potential is far wider. The card could carry an individual's medical records with details of allergies, medication and even x-rays from recent treatment.

About three million cards with memory and processor are now in use in France, manufactured by Bull, who hold the single chip card patent.

This type, which does require a terminal for use, is currently being tested by MasterCard, who run one of the two international card networks. More advanced variants which also carry on board batteries, alphanumeric displays and a tiny keyboard are also under development.

Visa, MasterCard's international competitors, are currently testing the Ulticard, manufactured by SmartCard International of New York. These cards are completely self-contained and need no local terminal to complete a transaction.

Other variants include the IC card announced last week by GEC here in Britain. It is a passive card that receives power via radio waves and a built-in antenna. It eliminates the metal contacts that might clog-up in use and carries a much larger memory store.

Finally, there are cards that use laser beams to write and read stored data. The Sumimoto Bank in Japan are currently testing the Lasercard, manufactured by Drexler of California, who say the method could store up to 20 million bits of information.

France is currently the only mature smartcard market but despite the fact that Visa and MasterCard are likely to ensure early acceptance worldwide here in Britain, most financial institutions remain sceptical.

The banks currently prefer improved magnetic memory cards and are developing a nationwide on-line checking system to be completed by 1988. Some building societies, such as the Abbey National, like the look of lasercards.

Either way, the excitement generated by smartcards in Europe, America and Japan is lacking here. If this development does create a billion dollar market abroad within the next five years then British institutions may have a sudden change in attitude, but to date there is no sign of it.

* *The Smart Card, Post-News, Stoke-sub-Hamdon, Somerset TA14 6BR. Price £134.*

JOBSCENE

By Edward Fennell

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Where the lucky country was born

The name New South Wales was the idea of Captain James Cook, who jotted it down in his journal after discovering the eastern edge of a vast southern land in 1770.

Other parts of the continent lost their evocative early titles (the Swan River Colony was renamed Western Australia, and Van Diemen's Land became Tasmania) but New South Wales endured, along with its early settlers.

The state is the embodiment of Australian history. In a little over 14 months it will be the stage on which the bicentenary curtain will rise, when a fleet of tall-masted sailing ships, including a schooner presented as a birthday gift by Britain, sails into Sydney harbour two centuries after Captain Arthur Phillip landed to found a penal colony.

From those first white inhabitants — 756 convicts, 450 civil and military personnel, and 58 women and children — NSW's population had grown by the 1981 census to 5.1 million, or about 35 per cent of the national total, although its people are now equally representative of the varied ethnic mix of postwar Australia that includes Italians, Vietnamese, Yugoslavs, Lebanese, Turks and Greeks.

The foundation for Australia's prosperity was laid in NSW. Freed convicts established farms along the Parramatta River on the outskirts of Sydney. Mining started at a dusty outback settlement named Broken Hill.

From these beginnings grew the great agriculture and mining industries, the easy wealth that gave rise to the phrase, "the lucky country".

With commodity prices in decline, and the economy in jeopardy, faith is again being pinned on NSW to find a way back to prosperity through service industries. The emergence of Sydney as a new Pacific financial centre is a step in that direction.

What is it, though, that makes NSW distinctive? A few images, mainly hedonistic, have penetrated the outside consciousness — surfing at Bondi beach, prawns and *tinnies* (cans of beer) at the *barbie*, bronzed and blonde bodies on the beach — but they are not necessarily unique to the state.

The flashy Australian entrepreneur, too, is a composite figure (Kerry Packer is from Sydney but Robert Holmes à Court lives in Perth and John Elliott in Melbourne).

NSW folk are witty and shrewd, with a devastating eye for pretension and a flair for vivid imagery in language. It is a tough environment, and most of the best in Australian colloquialism has emerged from the pitiless, adrenaline-charged arenas of NSW Labor politics, the Hill at the Sydney Cricket Ground and nightclubs, where mediocre comics are massacred.

Sydneysiders have not forgotten the raffishness of their origins. Indeed sometimes they seem to relish it. This strong sense of city/state identity stimulated Sydney's intense rivalry with its more genteel cousin, Melbourne, over which had the right to be considered Australia's leading city.

When it came to choosing a capital after federation in 1901, the issue could be resolved only by building a third centre, Canberra, between the two.

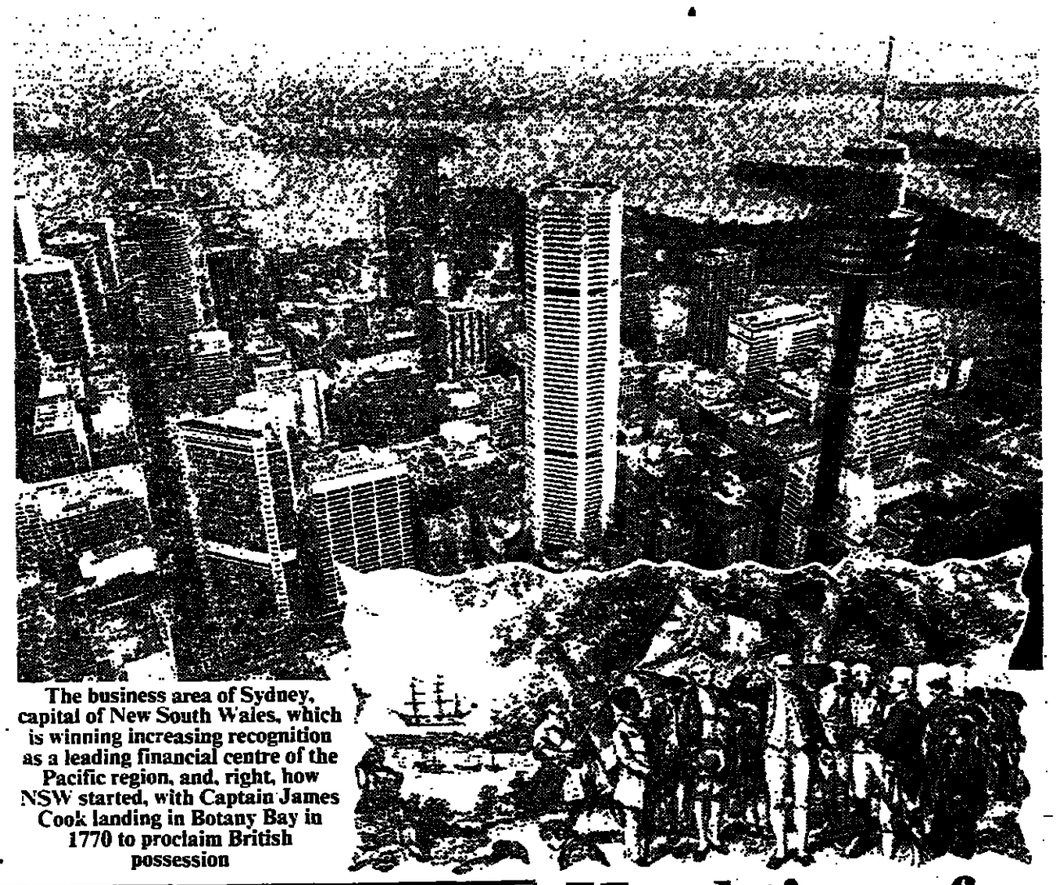
Even now Sydney folk affect contempt for what they consider Melburnian stuffiness, and the old-money world, while Victorians point to continuing efforts at cleaning up corruption in the NSW police as evidence that things have not changed much in the state in 200 years.

But if Sydney remains the headquarters of organized crime in Australia, it is also a great city, with style as well as pace, and a regard for its heritage along with a high-rise skyline.

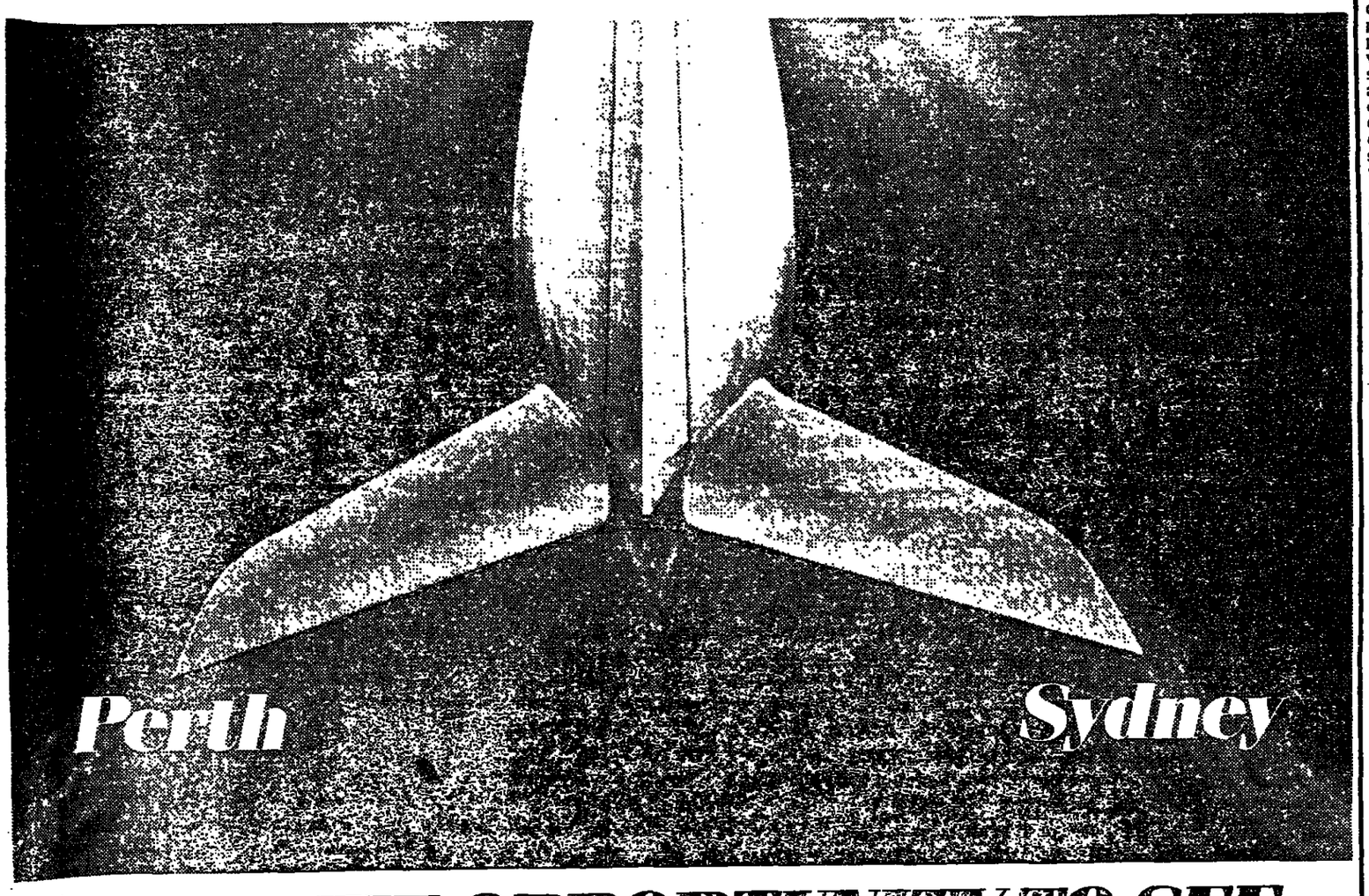
You can eat better in Sydney than in most European capitals, and a lot cheaper, too. And it is far from being the cultural desert that Melburnians claim it to be. The national opera company has its headquarters in Sydney, at the most distinctive opera house in the world.

Oh, and yes, the climate's good, too.

Stephen Taylor



The business area of Sydney, capital of New South Wales, which is winning increasing recognition as a leading financial centre of the Pacific region, and, right, how NSW started, with Captain James Cook landing in Botany Bay in 1770 to proclaim British possession



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Hard times for new hardliner

The ending of a political era is often a confusing, sometimes painful time, and so it is proving in New South Wales, where a leader who had presided over Australia's oldest and most populated state for a decade, and wielded significant influence nationally, suddenly got up four months ago, said he had had enough, and walked out of his office.

Neville Wran, the former Premier, bestrode the affairs of NSW. In a decade of Labor rule, he led four governments which, even his many enemies concede, improved services and cultural life in the state and tackled pressing environmental concerns.

His air of command, and an abrasive way of dealing with opposition ("applying the blowtorch to the belly," he called it) could have taken him to Canberra as national leader. Even the pervasive allegations of corruption which hung over Mr Wran's administration failed to damage him significantly. It was always going to be a hard act to follow.

Just how hard Barrie Unsworth, the new Premier, has discovered since an August opinion poll gave him an approval rating of just 26 per cent. Alarm bells are ringing in Canberra, where the fortunes of Labor in NSW are taken as a barometer of its federal popularity. Robert Hawke, the Prime Minister, has particular cause for concern because NSW is the bedrock of his support within the Australian Labor Party.

Mr Unsworth is a more paradoxical figure than Mr Wran. Though, on the one hand, every bit as ruthless (he has been described as "the hardest of the hardliners" and as a man who would enjoy pulling the wings off butterflies) he is also a practising Roman Catholic and shows a greater sensitivity to welfare issues, and to dealing with corruption than his predecessor.

He is going to need the resilience which colleagues say is his strongest political virtue. The resignation, whether intentionally or not, enabled Mr Wran to avoid fall-out from a number of harmful issues which were just starting to emerge. The new Premier has, as they say, copped the lot.

'I'm not a song and dance man'

Even as he was about to take office, electoral backlash caused Mr Unsworth a personal humiliation. In going through what was expected to be the formality of a transfer from the upper to the lower house, he came within a hundred votes of losing a supposedly safe seat.

His problems were compounded by the embarrassing disclosure that the US consortium approved by the government to build Sydney's new casino (and given a clean bill of health by NSW investigators) is in fact under investigation by the FBI. The contract was granted before Mr Unsworth took office, and he promptly cancelled it.

His rise, like that of Mr Hawke, was through the trade-union movement, but unlike the Prime Minister, who is a personal friend, he is virtually unknown outside NSW.

Still, this resolutely uncharismatic style is probably less of a drawback than it is in the presidential-style arena of national politics, where it has undermined John Howard's performance as opposition leader.

In an interview in his office overlooking Sydney Harbour, Mr Unsworth said: "I'm not a song-and-dance man, but people know me, and they trust me. In difficult times people want a strong leader. With me they'll get it."

One controversial issue he says he is eager to get to grips with is corruption. Rightly or wrongly, taint has attached to both Labor and Liberal administrations in NSW in the last 20 years, and the new Premier acknowledges that for the sake of public confidence, the issue is one which has to be faced squarely.

Symptoms of the problem abound. The state's chief magistrate was jailed last year for attempting to pervert the course of justice, and his successor accused a district court judge of a similar offence.

Dozens of state police, among them senior officers, have been or are in the process of being brought before disciplinary tribunals. A former state prisons minister is on trial for allegedly arranging early releases in return for payments.



Barrie Unsworth: a product of the NSW Labor right wing, probably the toughest school in Australian politics

A continuing clean-up of the police force has broad public support. Mr Unsworth is gambling that there is similar community backing for legislation to make the NSW judiciary more accountable. A Bill establishing a commission to investigate allegations of impropriety by the judiciary is being hurried through the legislature, despite rumblings of defiance by judges and the threat of a constitutional crisis.

The Bill has its detractors in the community as well. Many feel that though there is certainly room for judicial reform, the legislation is a hasty measure designed to whip up some badly needed electoral support. It does, nevertheless, indicate an intent which, amounts to more than rhetoric.

Ultimately, despite the present problems, shifting Labor from power in the 19th-century parliament in Macquarie Street is not the cut-and-dried issue the Liberal Party maintains. NSW has been ruled by Labor for three of the last four decades. The party's roots go deep in the urban Roman Catholic community (it is estimated that half of Labor's members are Catholics) and in rural areas.

The term of NSW governments was extended to four years in 1984, so Mr Unsworth does not have to go to the polls until the Australian bicentenary. Between now and then, he says his administration will be concentrating on solid community issues: health, education and law and order.

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Poised to become the Pacific banker

Sydney, which has been transformed into the financial capital of Australia, is poised to become a major financial centre in the Asia-Pacific region as the world economy continues to integrate.

Indeed, Australian bankers are touting the city to fill a niche linking the United States and European markets in a way that would see non-stop international trading in foreign currencies, commodities and financial instruments.

Among Sydney's advantages over its regional rivals are the native use of English — the language of commerce — political stability, a strong commercial legal system and an educated workforce that has embraced the latest changes in technology.

Most of the world's leading financial institutions are also now established in Australia either by a banking subsidiary, a merchant bank or a representative office.

Australian stock markets are well developed, with signs that they are becoming more internationally flavoured bourses. Many Australian companies are now seeking listings on the London, New York and Tokyo stock exchanges, and a growing number of offshore companies is after listings on the Australian stock exchanges.

Financial groups are all found here

The Sydney futures exchange, the only such exchange in the country, has been a resounding success. Turnover has grown rapidly, particularly in financial futures, where the value of transactions is now between three and five times the turnover in the corresponding currency markets.

The exchange is due to start trading this month in 30-year US treasury bonds, which should raise its profile further. Trading is also scheduled to start in a Eurodollar contract.

In the banking arena, the federal government has approved the establishment of offshore banking units and has indicated that it intends making several administrative changes to facilitate them. The units would deal only in pure offshore foreign currency transactions and would be exempt from withholding tax.

Sydney's time zone is fundamental to hopes for its growth as a financial centre. Many banks and foreign currency dealers are now starting early, rostering shifts to start at 6 am or earlier to catch the tail end of trading in the US west coast.

This gives dealers a feel for the market before trading starts in earnest in Japan, New Zealand and the rest of Asia.

Several banks, including some with European offices, keep their foreign currency operations running in Australia until the early hours of the morning, through the normal European trading time zone and up to about noon New York time.

The biggest competitors in this time zone are Japan, Hong Kong and Singapore, but the flow of Asian money into Australia gives financiers confidence that Sydney has an edge. Though Australia will never surpass Japan as a financial centre, there are hopes that Sydney can make an inroad. Japan's main drawback, apart from language, is that despite some liberalization its economy is still not fully deregulated.

Sydney's emergence as a new financial centre has been at the expense of Melbourne, traditionally Australia's economic capital, servicing the manufacturing and gold mining industries, but which has seen its position decline along with manufacturing during the past two decades.

While BHP, Australia's largest and one of its oldest companies, maintains its headquarters in Melbourne, as does John Elliot's rapidly-growing Elders IXL, Sydney has been favoured by most newcomers since the opening of Australia's financial markets to 16 new banks and a host of merchant banks.

Of the 33 licensed banks, 18 have their head office in Sydney, compared with 10 in Melbourne. Of the 93 larger merchant banks, 73 have headquarters in Sydney and 13 in Melbourne. Of the major finance companies 20 have chosen Sydney as a base, but only three have picked Melbourne.

The stockbrokers, reflecting tradition, are more evenly spread, although on a normal trading day the Sydney exchange usually posts a higher turnover.

David Tomlinson
The Australian, Sydney



The Sydney stock exchange. Its place in international time zones is of fundamental importance to its growth as a financial centre — 6 am starts by banks and currency dealers give them a chance to catch the tail end of US west-coast trading

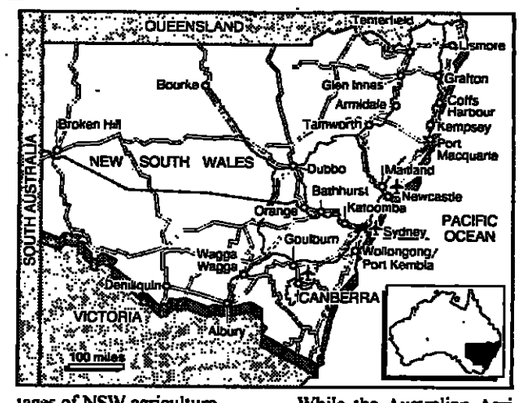
Woolly profits for duke and barons

Although 25 per cent of New South Wales farmers made a loss in 1985-86, there has been a growing investment by wealthy businessmen in the state's agricultural sector. Rural landlords with multi-million dollar investments in NSW include the media barons Rupert Murdoch and Kerry Packer, and international businessman John Khalbetzer.

Mr Murdoch paid A$3.5 million (about £1.5 million) for Australia's largest merino sheep stud in 1978, an investment which at the time made his fellow News Limited directors blanch. However, the acquisition of the Boonoke merino stud in southern NSW has proved justified. From being in the doldrums the wool business has become the most financially stable sector in agriculture.

Overseas business interests are headed by the sixth Duke of Westminster, Gerald Grosvenor, who spends several weeks every year visiting his sprawling Australian sheep station, the Bull's Run.

The duke has been joined in New South Wales in recent years by a number of wealthy British landowners. It is an acknowledgment of the prudence in investing in a politically stable country and the substantial low cost advantages of NSW agriculture.



The success of British investors marks a distinct turning point in the 198 year history of New South Wales agriculture.

Numerous investors, like the Australian Agricultural Company, formed in London by royal charter in 1824, have struggled to understand the vagaries of the New South Wales outback. In the early days the Australian Agricultural Company owned a million acres in the sovereign state. In recent years it has slowly transferred most of its pastoral interests to northern Australia, where it runs a rapidly expanding herd of 280,000 beef cattle.

While the Australian Agricultural Company believes higher profits are possible in the even lower cost province of the far north, a host of other business interests have slowly but surely replaced the old squatting families who once dominated NSW agriculture.

Behind the Duke of Westminster's successful investment and that of a number of other overseas and local business ventures is Agricultural Investments Australia Limited. This unlisted company, which keeps a low profile, manages 35 properties worth A$65 million, mainly in New South Wales. The success of investors acting under its guidance and others, like Messrs Murdoch and Packer, with the advantage of large financial resources and skilled management practices, has added a new dimension to the state's primary production.

But despite the exploits of more entrepreneurial investors, New South Wales agriculture is strained to breaking point.

Worst affected are wheat growers, who are expecting a crop of only 4.5 million tonnes in 1986-87 compared to a record 8.9 million tonnes in 1983-84. More than 50 per cent of wheat growers will make a loss this financial year.

Wool producers, on the other hand, are experiencing more prosperous times because the wool industry, virtually alone among large agricultural industries, has not fallen foul of the international trade war.

The gross value of New South Wales rural production in 1985-86 was A$4,536 million of the national total of A$15.5 billion. But the net value of only A$1,091 million reflects the internationally uncompetitive cost structure of the state's agriculture.

Nigel Austin
Rural writer, *The Bulletin*, Sydney

Going smaller, growing fast

The "for sale" advertisements for industrial properties tell the story: the big factories and factory sites, spread across many acres, sit forlornly looking for buyers who want working factories and not sites for subdivision.

The vast site in Sydney's near southern suburbs that once housed the works of British Leyland failed to find any tenants willing to take even portions of the site. Instead, since 1974, it has acted as a repository for federal government stores — a factory drowned in paperwork.

Yet the market for small industrial properties has rarely been so buoyant. These smaller sites — more warehouse with office space than traditional saw-tooth roof factories — house the growth industries of New South Wales: computer component and software manufacturers and assemblers. For while the monoliths have been struggling, and sometimes giving up altogether, the small entrepreneurs have been proliferating.

Just as motor cars are sourced from hundreds of different suppliers rather than the company building virtually everything in-house, the major manufacturing industries of NSW — machinery, metal products and chemicals and petroleum — are able to choose from hundreds of small, independent operators willing to supply components equal to all but the most advanced wares from overseas.

An instance is the small but growing firm Memtech Ltd, which produces a range of ultra-fine filters for use in a variety of fields, from food filtration to separating oil from water in ships bilges. Memtech recently went into a 50-50 joint venture with an American firm to tackle the billion dollar US market out of Chicago.

At present Memtech operates from a tiny office-cum-lab-cum-workshop out at St Marys. Out of this it made a profit of A$9.5 million (about £4.2 million) last year.

Nucleus Ltd is another hi-tech company succeeding both at home and overseas. Already a world market leader in the sale of heart pacemakers, Nucleus, at its small premises at Lane Cove, Sydney's Silicon Valley, is geared to research. The Nucleus bionic ear is competing in a development race with the product of its rival, the giant 3M company.

Other companies are finding that niche markets can be profitable: Microbee Ltd sells computers to Swedish and Russian schools; Cryofab sells high-pressure gas holding tanks through Asia and the Pacific; Vapocure has licensing agreements for its quick-drying industrial painting process in all major industrial nations.

Research by the Australian Bureau of Statistics shows that almost a third of the 360,000 workers employed in NSW manufacturing is in establishments employing less than 50 people.

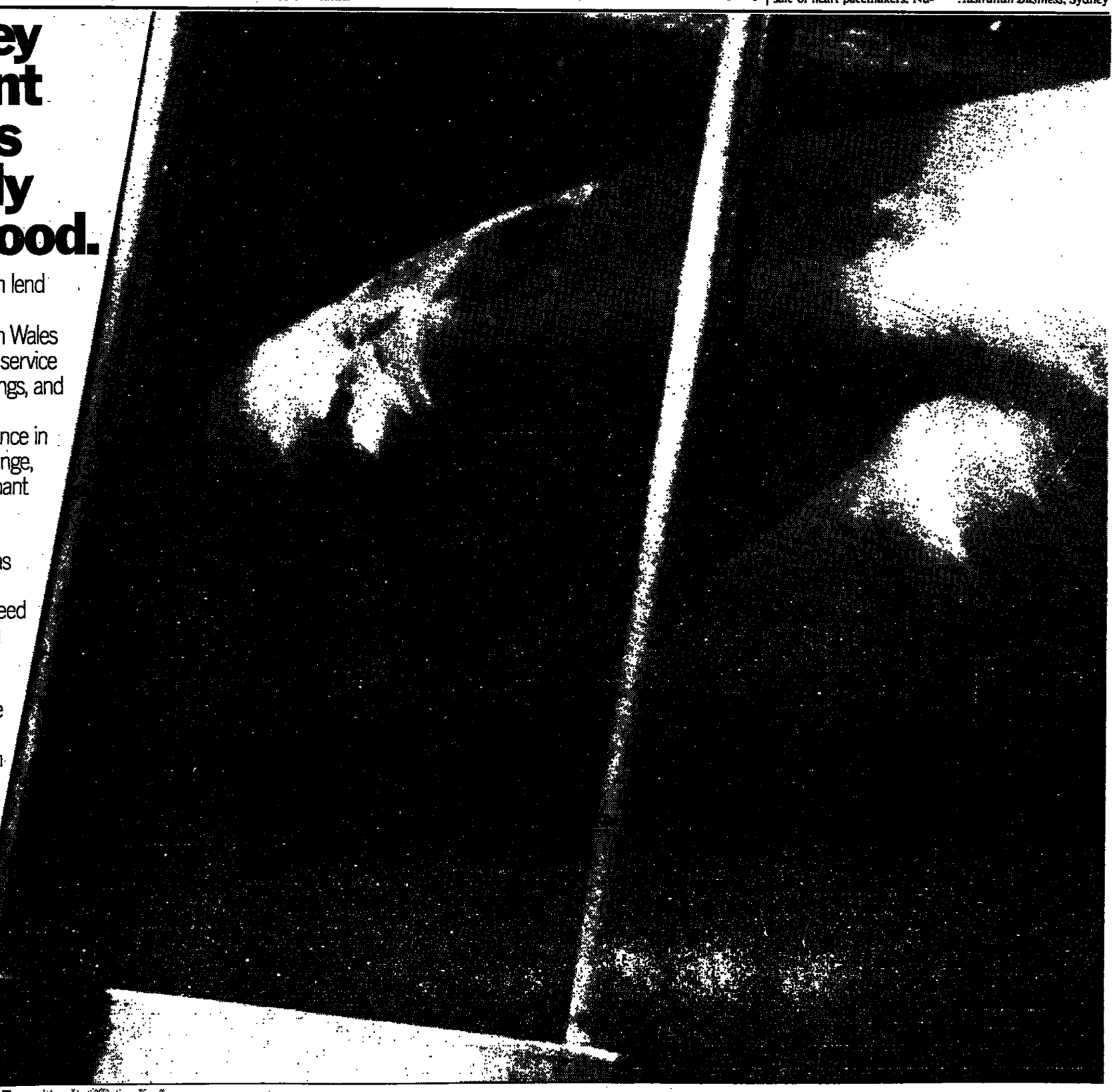
Most manufacturing takes place in the 100-mile coastal strip above and below Sydney, despite generous efforts by the state government to encourage decentralization into rural centres. Incentives for companies to move west of the Great Dividing Range include cheap land, direct subsidies and tax concessions.

A few big companies have taken up these offers — Mars Corp has gone to Albury and Email, Australia's biggest white goods manufacturer, to Orange. But most people go to where their supplies are. The labour-intensive industries thus choose either Sydney, Newcastle or Wollongong, the last two also being the centres of Australia's steel industry, thanks originally to coking coal deposits and port facilities nearby.

NSW's main manufactured exports are iron and steel products, worth A$200-300 million a year. The state is not a major exporter of manufactured products and has been running a considerable trade deficit in the 1980s. Some office — and telecommunications equipment is made or assembled locally but imports of these products recently topped the A$2 billion mark (compared to exports of the same items totalling, in 1984-5, just A$59 million).

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King Coal still top of the heap

Coal is the biggest export earner for both New South Wales and Australia. Its value greatly eclipses other mine products, although significant shipments are made also of silver-lead-zinc, sapphires, titanium ores and zircon. Gold is due to follow soon.

In the last financial year, Australia shipped 90 million tonnes of coal to the world — 49 million tonnes of metallurgical coal and the rest steaming coal, nearly half of it going to Japan. NSW accounted for 41 million tonnes of that total, slightly less than Queensland.

The federal government recently relaxed controls on exports and pricing, a move that will favour Australia's largest and most efficient miners, allowing them to increase exports, according to an industry forecast, by A$1 billion during the next two years.

Twenty-thousand miners work the NSW deposits. Sixty per cent of production comes from underground mines and the rest from open pits.

Apart from a few deposits in the hands of the domestic electricity generating authorities, all the mines are controlled by private enterprise, which has not been unkind to the miners. Their average income last year was A$720 (about £316) a week — almost twice the national average wage — and two months ago they were granted an average pay rise of almost A$60 a week. Less fortunate are the miners in the once-fabulous silver-lead-zinc mines at Broken Hill, where the grades are declining and reserves will run out early in the next century.

The two remaining companies on the "hill", North Broken Hill Holdings and Conzinc Riotinto of Australia, employ 3,000 miners. Contract miners earn between A$470 and A$630 for a 35-hour week.

In July, a two-month strike ended after the mining companies largely won their demands for increased productivity, 24-hour shifts, an end to overmanning and restrictive work practices and redundancies that will carve a third off the 3,000 workforce remaining on the mines.

The mining companies expect to lose A$54 million this year on the mines due to low metal prices, declining grades and rising costs. At 2.25 million tonnes of ore a year, the hill's output is less than a quarter the size of the world's largest producer, Mt Isa Mines Queensland. Productivity per man, at 1,040 tonnes/year, is less than a third that of the Mt Isa mine.

Two lesser operations contribute to NSW's output of silver-lead-zinc ores — Woodland (1.2 million tonnes a year) and Elura, near Canberra (900,000 tonnes a year).

The mineral sands industry is also in decline. Once the beaches and sand-dunes of NSW and southern Queensland were the world's greatest source of rutile and zircon. Production now of less than 200,000 tonnes of rutile a year is less than half that of 10 years ago, partly because of the exhaustion of deposits, but increasingly due to environmental pressures to limit mining development. One bright hope for the NSW mining industry is gold.

The rise in the world price has encouraged new exploration with modern technology and early this year a producing mine was reopened at Cowarra Creek south of Canberra. A bigger project, discovered by BP Australia's Seltrust subsidiary at Temora in the south of the state, will soon come on stream to produce $6,000 oz a year and many other promising prospects are emerging.

David Haselhurst
Finance Editor, The Bulletin, *Sydney*

Luring the tourists

New South Wales has traditionally been Australia's main centre for visitors, both international and domestic. Despite the significant increase in tourism to Western Australia and Queensland, and the establishment of international airports in those states, NSW retains its market leadership.

The state's share of overseas tourism for the last year of full statistics, 1984-85, was 30 per cent, compared with 22 per cent for Victoria, 20 per cent for Queensland and 11 per cent for Western Australia.

Two factors bode well for the future. Sydney's emergence as a Pacific financial centre and the state's diverse range of attractions — almost 1,000 miles of Pacific coast, with fine beaches, swimming, surfing and fishing; the dusty outback, and the historic mining town of Broken Hill; and the Snowy Mountains, a winter ski-resort region.

Sydney, a city both dashing and beautiful, has flourished during the last decade amid a programme to restore its historic aspect. A development of Darling Harbour, to be completed in time for the bicentenary of European settlement in 1988, has provoked intense controversy (mainly because of a proposed monorail link to the city).

But then so did the design for the opera house, which has become the distinctive feature of the magnificent harbour view and Australia's most-visited tourist attraction.

Sydney's problem is top quality hotel accommodation. The city has dozens of perfectly comfortable standard-feature motor inns, but is chronically short of international hotels. The opening of an Intercontinental last year brought the number to 11, but the rate of building is not matching the increase in demand.

The ubiquitousness of the Australian motor inn reveals a noteworthy feature of tourism here. Most travellers are Australians.

Though total expenditure by tourists in 1984-85 was estimated at A$18.5 billion (about £8.2 billion) — or a healthy 4.8 per cent of gross domestic product — international visitors were responsible for only 14 per cent of that. NSW's share of the expenditure was about A$6 billion.

NSW tourism commission offices in Auckland, London, Los Angeles and Tokyo have the responsibility of improving those figures.

While the oft-quoted tyranny of Australian distances (both internally and from its neighbours) is bemoaned by tour operators, it can work to the state's advantage, as many of the most attractive destinations (such as the Blue Mountains or the Hunter Valley) are a day's excursion from Sydney.

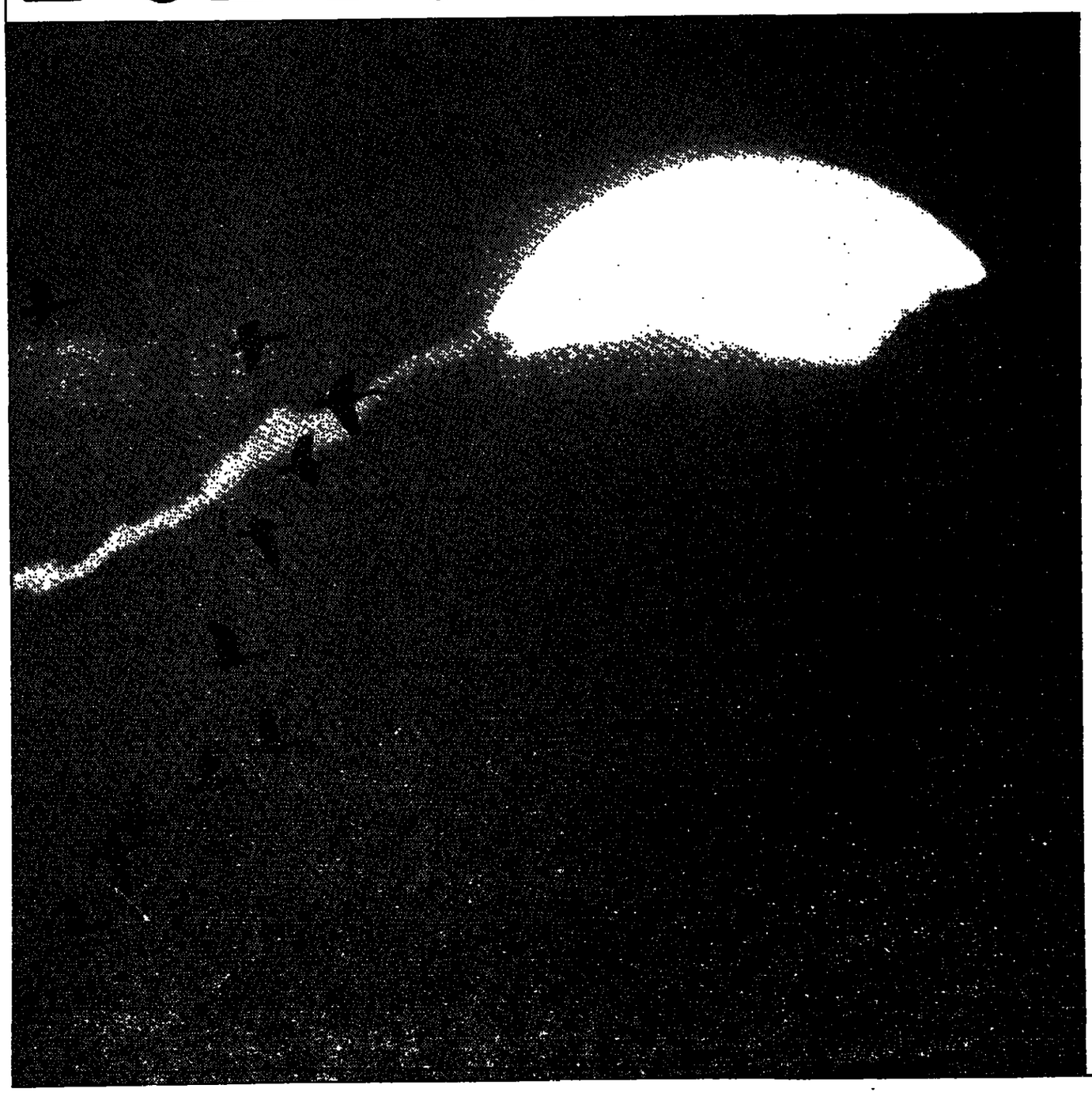
New Zealand (22 per cent of visitor traffic) and Britain (14 per cent) are the traditional sources of tourism. But much of this traffic falls into the category of "visiting friends and relations" and is having less impact than increasing Pacific region arrivals, specifically from the US (18 per cent) and Japan (10 per cent). An estimated 90 per cent of Japanese visitors make stopovers in Sydney.

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Sporting state: NSW can offer visitors a range of activities from surfing to skiing

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Applicants should apply in writing with a C.V. to David Denton, Partnership Administrator, Stephens & Scown, 3 Cross Lane, St. Austell, Cornwall PL25 4AX.

LONDON & QUADRANT HOUSING TRUST

AREA HOUSING MANAGER

Applications are invited for this key post in a large decentralised Housing Department operating in stress areas of London.

Proven management skills are necessary as you will be required to lead a multi-disciplinary team providing a full range of housing and technical services, and ideally you will be qualified to the Institute of Housing Professional or Diploma Standard.

Self-motivation and initiative will make this post both challenging and rewarding, and will provide a golden opportunity to improve and extend your management skills in managing a very lively and busy Housing Office operating in North London.

Salary: c£14,323.

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Ownership of a car and possession of a full current driving licence are essential for this post.

Job description and application form available from: **Philip Stevens, Personnel Manager, London & Quadrant Housing Trust, Osborn House, Osborn Terrace, London SE3 9DR.**

Closing date: 7th November 1986.

We are an equal opportunities employer.

Merthyr Tydfil Housing Association

Following a review of staffing needs the Association is seeking applications for the following two new posts from suitably qualified and experienced men and women.

Development/Finance Manager

(Association wishes to expand its activities by raising funds from the private sector).
Salary range £12,894 to £14,475 p.a.

Housing Manager

Salary range £12,287 to £13,853 p.a.

Application forms together with supporting information package can be obtained from the Association at **Milbourne Chambers, Glebeland Street, Merthyr Tydfil, Mid Glam. CF47 0AE, or telephone Merthyr Tydfil (0685) 83311.**

Closing date for receipt of applications: 2 p.m., Friday, 14th November 1986.

FUND RAISING DIRECTOR

A major national initiative has been launched, with aid from the government, to develop Community Trusts. The STAFFORDSHIRE COMMUNITY TRUST requires a fund raising Director to raise new money, to select help for new *and under-funded projects within the county.*

Working in partnership with the local business community, charities, the general public and local authorities it is an ideal opportunity to get in at the beginning of this initiative.

Responsible directly to the Chairman, the Director's main task would be to raise money in a professional way, from people in all walks of life.

Although appropriate training will be given it is vital that you possess good communicative and organisational skills. Knowledge of the voluntary sector would be an advantage but vision and stamina are essential.

Salary in the range of £11,000-£12,000 plus expenses. Funding for this post is guaranteed initially for 3 years.

Please write for application form to: V.T. Brennan, c/o Community Council of Staffordshire, 11a Stafford Street, Stafford ST16 2RP by November 5th.

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Salary: £7,345 — £8,328

T.V.H.S. is a registered Housing Association which works across a number of Boroughs. The Association manages approximately 1500 properties, and is divided into two Area teams.

We are looking for an energetic enthusiastic person to join our South Team.

This is a key post within the team, and previous administrative experience and/or ability to type would be an advantage, but training will be provided to enable the successful applicant to carry out the duties and eventually to progress to a more advanced position.

For an application form and further information contact:
Thames Valley Housing Society Limited
1 King Street, Twickenham TW1 3SD
01-891 0202

We positively welcome applicants from the ethnic minority communities.

Closing date: 7th November 1986.

CATCH 22

ECONOMIST

Req for Int. Comm Co. W1

Must have Masters degree in Economics or have specialised in monetary/int economics as undergrad.

Phone Isobel 01 387 9913 or write to Catch 22, 360 Euston Road, London NW1.

THE LONDON HOSPITAL MEDICAL CENTRE
(University of London)

FUND RAISER

The London Hospital and The London Hospital Medical College are seeking to appoint a full-time Fund-Raiser to spearhead and co-ordinate fund raising activities.

The post will be for two years initially with the prospect of a renewable contract at the end of that period.

The successful candidate will probably be between 30-45 with a proven record of success in the field of fund-raising or marketing.

Salary £17,000 - £19,000 negotiable.

Further details and application form available from Mr D L Edwards, Secretary, The London Hospital Medical College, Turner Street, London E1 2AD. Telephone 01-377-7606.

Applications should be submitted within 18 days of the date of this advertisement.

HORIZONS

A guide to career opportunities

An appealing dig at the past

Archaeology is exciting, absorbing work, calling for immense dedication. Sally Watts considers the possibilities offered by this career given the vagaries in funding

If you plan to be an archaeologist, now is the time to begin: the autumn and winter months are the ideal time to get the "feel" of the work you have chosen.

Joining your local archaeological society will give you the opportunity of talking with experienced amateurs and attending lectures – the winter season is always the active one for local societies.

Read the society's journals and also a selection of books on archaeology. Then, try to find a field-walking group in your area. Here again, this is a *fruitful time* of year and in many country districts small bands of enthusiasts can be seen at weekends treading the fields, their eyes alert to catch anything that ploughing has thrown up. Relevant material is then carefully cleaned, analysed, written up and stored.

In addition, people over 16 should make every effort to take part in digs; these will also involve the follow-up work of cleaning and recording.

Archaeology is exciting, absorbing work, inspiring immense dedication in those who pursue it. And it needs to, as permanent, secure jobs are limited, the career patterns precarious, attended by risk. Many archaeologists work on a temporary, freelance, contract basis, so if you insist on job security perhaps you should fall back on your second career choice. But if you are prepared to take a chance, the rewards can be gloriously exciting (though probably not in financial terms).

A career in archaeology – which has been described as the study of man

There are exciting rewards if you choose to take chances

through his material remains – appeals to many more people than there is room for. A lot of today's newly graduated enthusiasts will eventually fall by the wayside, perhaps becoming spare-time archaeologists or diversifying into a related career such as teaching, local government or cartography, if their subjects include geography.

When you first graduate, don't expect to be put in charge of an excavation straightaway. You must start by getting experience as one of the team, gradually working up to becoming assistant supervisor and then supervisor.

A major drawback to archaeology is that it is subject to the vagaries of funding. Hence its insecurity. The best way around this is to be fortunate enough to land a university lectureship, providing not only security and the opportunity for research, but also the long vacations in which to undertake overseas excavations. Such vacancies, though, are very rare.

Then there are the permanent jobs under national government, such as English Heritage – perhaps working as an archaeological field warden – or the Royal Commission for Historical Monuments, or a national museum, and the jobs in local government, at city or county level.



Two members of an excavation team at Normanton Down, near Stonehenge, clearing a site where a child's skeleton and its beaker can be seen

Here, there may be just one or two qualified staff or many more, depending on the money available and the amount of local pressure. When a local authority is preparing a special project it will take on additional help – but on a temporary basis, as contract workers. Staff are also employed by county museums and may undertake such specialised work as conserving, restoring, textile treating. For this they need a chemistry or physics qualification.

Finally there are the independent units, which are funded by neither national or local government, such as the York Archaeological Trust, or private museums, or rescue work, often financed by development companies before a historic site is built upon.

This work, too, is temporary and is usually carried out under pressure and against time, typifying the rather harsh conditions under which excavationists work – living fairly "rough" on overseas digs is another example.

People on excavations are generally freelance, contract workers receiving only indifferent rates of pay. Although most of those who work in major archaeological centres like London may feel reasonably secure, because of the large amount of work, they tend to opt out as they get older and take on family responsibilities.

What is not generally realized is that archaeology today is open to a wide range of specialisations. The Council for British Archaeology recently received an inquiry from a schoolgirl whose careers teacher had told her she could not train in archaeology because she lacked an O level in Latin, a subject her school did not teach.

This belief in Latin as the sole gateway to a career in archaeology is a fallacy. Qualifications may also include modern languages, geology, geography, history and science subjects.

During the last 20 or 30 years the profession has undergone vast changes, largely due to the introduction of scientific techniques and equipment, such as aerial photography and scanning devices.

Excavation is only one part of archaeology. Equally important is the specialised work of conservation and of analysing, assessing and writing reports. Preparing surveys, planning projects and obtaining financial sponsorship are further aspects of the work.

One archaeologist describes the professions as "a grey area", not cut and dried but with some inevitable overlapping, in which archaeological skills shade off into other things – such as conservation.

There are as many branches of the profession as there are entry routes. One is nautical, or marine, archaeology, of which a prime example was the raising of the *Mary Rose*. Another is environmental archaeology, a growing and science-based area involving research into past environments through the study of climate, vegetation, insect remains, and so on.

The profession is open to wide ranging specializations

Then there is reconstructive work, such as the Jorvik Viking Centre at York or the building of the Housesteads facsimile in Northumbria. A further aspect is industrial archaeology, the study of manufacturing processes, represented by museums like Ironbridge. But this is at present a very limited, little worked area, pursued largely by amateurs.

The would-be archaeologist who is not a science specialist should nevertheless be numerate and have some scientific background. A good working knowledge of computers is also important. He or she should be thorough, practical, meticulous about detail and patient – a quality that will also help the young professional to beaver away in his or her chosen field while waiting for the recession to dwindle and – it's to be hoped – more money to be made available, leading to an increase in posts, pay and prospects.

You may find two CBA booklets helpful. One is A Guide to University Courses in Archaeology, price £1.25. The other is the newly revised A Job in Archaeology, which is free. Please enclose sae, size A4. Write in both cases to the Council for British Archaeology, 112 Kennington Road, London SE11 6RE.

Simon Barnes whiles away wet days with cricket favourites

Accent on Arlott's assets

This may seem a little like heresy, but I have never regarded John Arlott as one of the greatest cricket writers. Awfully good, yes, no question about that, but not in, say, the top six of all time. A writer of great talent: a commentator of genius. I miss him every time I turn on the radio to listen to the cricket. Without Arlott, I just don't understand what's going off out there. Did he really say: "That bullet went *through* Boycott's defence like a bullet through a hole in a Henry Moore?" If that one is mythical, there were a million genuine Arlott gems.

You may recall his conversations with Mike Brearley on Channel 4 a while back. A transcript has been brought together in a book. The key to the book – to a small extent, to the man – is in a quotation from C. L. R. James, that genuinely great cricket writer: "What do they know of cricket who only cricket know?"

Arlott says in this book: "... Sometimes I think, well, just how right James is... If you tell me someone is cricket mad and thinks of nothing else, I don't think he is getting the fun out of it he ought to."

In an age of specialists, Arlott remained a renaissance man: involved in politics, poetry and, of course, wine. He was so vivid a broadcaster because he was – like most people who read newspapers or listen to the radio – interested in more than just sport. He was not taken in by sport's self-importance. In book form, the conversations are a nice, if brief, read. He tells a story of how Leo Harrison "stumped somebody, and the batsman looked round with great indignation and Harrison said: 'It ain't half a bloody game, mate, is it?' "

Arlott had also brought out *John Arlott's 100 Greatest Batsmen*. It is essentially a personal selection, he insists, and there are lots of pictures and reasonable number of statistics. Good writing can seem almost great when read in a Hampshire accent: I believe everyone reads Arlott in an Arlott voice. Of Botham he writes: "Naturally the non-entities are against him – and have smeared him – without, though, destroying the image of England's greatest all-rounder of modern times." Of Boycott: "It is difficult to believe that he has that degree of happiness which his effort ought to have produced. He will be remembered as a quite amazing – if not unique – compiler of runs: a man of great ambition, great ability who did not achieve what he desired."

Cricket is the most talked about and written about of games, which makes *The Book of Cricket Quotations* a mine of treats. "This game is injecting a dementia into those who play it," said an Australian journalist of one-day cricket.

Or Roger Iddison, a member of England's first touring party to Australia in 1861: "I don't think very much of their play, but they're wonderful drinking men." Or this: "I once saw a bowler in Australia thunder to the wicket and bowl a flat out underarm at the batsman. No warning given. Quite right too. In my profession you have to mystify the enemy," from Field Marshall Viscount Montgomery. Or finally – I could go on picking out examples all day – from Harold Larwood, on seeing Bradman dismissed cheaply by Gubby Allen: "If that little bugger can do that to him, what might I do?"

Test your knowledge

If you were ever worried about the extent of your cricketing knowledge, an investment in *Barclay's World of Cricket* will soon set you to rights (Simon Barnes writes). This book was first out in 1966, with a new edition in 1980, and now another in 1986: since the last edition 180 Test matches have been played. There are 64 new pages, and 300 new pictures, bringing the total to 700 pages and 850 pictures. It is customary for reviewers to measure and weigh such books, but I have let myself off.

It contains everything you didn't know about cricket, but were too cool to ask last time you were in the member's bar. An illustration shows the evolution of the ball ("1 stone; 2 piece of wood; 3 hide-bound ball; 4 Small's ball; 5 and 6 Other improved balls; 7 present day ball"), and another shows cricketers lying face down on the pitch at the approach of a doodlebug.

There is a picture of "a typical Dutch cricket scene", and a history of cricket in Papua New Guinea, a game introduced in 1890 "as a diversion from head-hunting." Perhaps the same tactic would work with journalists. There is even, I read, a single cricket club in Peru: not a lot of people know that. There is a picture of the old cricket ground in Hong Kong, which is now a park in which young lovers take photographs. The Chinese have never cared for cricket.

There are biographies of just about everyone who matters, histories of every organisation that has every played any sort of reasonable cricket, and lots of other treats. Marcus Williams, my colleague, has contributed a piece on cricket stamps. The book has everything you could possibly want from a cricket reference book (including a picture of John Woodcock, our Cricket Correspondent), and is meticulously organized. The book costs £25, but, gives value.

● *Barclay's World of Cricket: The Game from A-Z*. General editor E.W. Swanton, editor George Plumptre, consultant editor John Woodcock. Published by Collins Willow, price £25.00.

● *Arlott in Conversation With Mike Brearley*, by John Arlott and Mike Brearley. Published by Hodder and Stoughton, price £9.9.5

● *John Arlott's 100 Greatest Batsmen*, by John Arlott. Published by Macdonald Queen Anne Press, price £14.95.

● *The Book of Cricket Quotations*, by Peter Ball and David Hopps. Published by Stanley Paul, price £6.95.

● Other cricket books received include: *The Centurions*, by Patrick Murphy, published by Dent, Price £3.95. Profiles of the 21 batsmen who have scored a ton of tons: the new edition includes Dennis Amiss who accomplished the feat last season.

● *Flat Jack: The Autobiography of Jack Simmons*, by Jack Simmons with Brian Bearshaw. Published by Macdonald Queen Anne Press, price £8.95. "I still can't believe it's all true. It's just like a fairy tale." What a pleasant chap he is.

● *Good Enough*, by Chris Cowdrey and Jonathan Smith. Published by Pelham Books, price £10.95. Perkily put together, this one. "Question: Why don't you caress the ball through extra cover like your father did? Answer: If I could, I would."

● *Limited Overs*, by Mike Gatting, with Alan Lee. Published by Macdonald Queen Anne Press (£9.95). A not unslim volume containing the skipper's thoughts on the one-day game.

● *Cricket Rules OK: The Laws of Cricket*, by Geoff Hales, published by Black, price £3.50. A jolly explanation of cricketing laws. "In the unlikely event of rain falling in a cricket season..." as one section begins. How many ways can you be out from a wide? Stumped, hit wicket, run out, handled the ball, obstructing the field. But even if the batsman is quite comprehensively stumped, there is still a one run penalty for the wide. Now you know.



Quips and quotes (from left): Greig's views on duty, Arlott on Boycott's failed mission, and Larwood on dismissing Bradman

SNOOKER

White's game is taking off

By Sydney Friskin

Jimmy White, the richer by £60,500, left London by air for Toronto yesterday to play in the Canadian Masters tournament after his 10-6 victory over Rex Williams on Sunday in the final of the Rothmans Grand Prix at Reading. White received £55,000 as the winner's prize and £5,500 for the highest break of 138, which he compiled in the first frame of his semi-final on Saturday against Silvino Francisco.

White is joined in Toronto by Steve Davis, Dennis Taylor, Willie Thorne, Tony Knowles, Cliff Thorburn, Joe Johnson, the world champion, and Alex Higgins, these being the world's top eight players. On the opening day today, Taylor plays Thorne and Knowles meets Thorburn. Tomorrow Davis, who was beaten in last year's final by Taylor, faces Whit and Johnson will take on Higgins.

The tournament, to be played at the studios of the Canadian Broadcasting Corporation, is worth £62,500 in prize-money, the winner receiving £18,750.

The Belgian classic at Ostend, to which the world's top 16 players have been invited from March 7 to 15 next year, may now go ahead without any of the seven of Barry Hearn's Matchroom professionals, a plea to Belgian television to alter the dates having failed.

Five of them will be playing in the new Rothmans League on March 14 and 15 and, although White and Taylor are available for Ostend, Hearn, their manager, said yesterday that he would talk to all seven players after the Canadian Masters event and take a team decision as to their availability for Ostend.

Hearn, meanwhile, is awaiting confirmation of a proposed eight-man tour to Peking, from March 5 to 8, to which he hopes to take his team of seven.

Davis left for Toronto resolving to put his shattered game together after being beaten 5-1 by Williams in the Rothmans quarter-finals at Reading. Davis's last success in a principal tournament was at Derby six months ago when he defeated Thorne in the final of the Dulux British Open. Since then he has been beaten by Johnson in the world championship final in May and by Thorne in the Matchroom professional tournament at Southend last month.

White is now on the crest of a wave, but he will not forget his stirring 5-4 victory over the young Scottish champion, Stephen Hendry, in the quarter-finals at Reading.

BASKETBALL

Lloyd the deputy for United

By Nicholas Harling

Sharp Manchester United are wasting no time in their attempt to resurrect a season so rudely interrupted by their first two Carlsberg League defeats in 11 months and two serious injuries.

Having lost Will Brown, their American, with a broken jaw in training, and then Kevin Penny with a wrist fracture in Saturday's 98-85 defeat at BCP London, in which they also had Derrick Phillips, their other American, disqualified for punching Cedric Frederick, United have a replacement American flying in today.

Nigel Lloyd, who has spent the last two seasons with Hemel/Watford Royals before returning to play for Los Angeles Clippers, is the man the league champions have chosen as a temporary deputy for Brown. The guard, aged 24, was recommended to Joe Whelton, United's coach, by Rick Taylor, the club's general manager and former coach of Hemel. "I wanted someone who preferably had played in the league," Whelton said. "He has obviously been playing well and I had always liked him. I didn't want to bring in a stranger."

United may well have been strangers, themselves, the way they played at Uxbridge on Saturday where they never recovered from the home side's opening onslaught, which gave them a 25-9 advantage by midway through the half after which their unbeaten record was never threatened. "We didn't realize how much we would miss Brown," said Whelton.

Draper Tools Solent, United's *Prudential National Cup* opponents on November 5, also have their problems judging by their 79-72 home defeat by Reg Vardy Sunderland. Under Jim Brandon, their new coach, Sunderland's second successive victory came with the help of McCray (25) and Taylor, a 6ft 6in schoolboy.

TODAY'S FIXTURES

FOOTBALL

Kick-off 7.30 unless stated

Littlewoods Cup

Third Round

Arsenal v Manchester C
Cambridge U v Ipswich (7.45)
Cardiff v Chelsea (7.45)
Charlton v QPR (7.45)
Coventry v Oldham
Everton v Sheffield W
Shrewsbury v Hull

Fourth division

Wrexham v Aldershot

VAUXHALL-OPEL LEAGUE: Premier division: Kingsmoor v Hayes, Tooting and Mitcham v Dulwich Hamlet.

MULTIPART LEAGUE: Gainsborough v Buxton; Grade v Chorley; Southport v South Liverpool; Witton v Caernarfon.

SOUTHERN LEAGUE: Bill Dellow Cup: First round: Buckingham Town v Worcester; Burnham and Hillingdon v Aylesbury; Dartford v Cowbridge; Folkestone v Canterbury; Gravesend v Chatham; Hastings v Ashford; Leamington v Banbury; Merthyr Tydfil v Forest Green; Moor Green v Dudley; Redditch v Atherstone; Rushden v Corby; Shepshed v Fisher; Stourbridge v Bridgnorth; Tiverton v Dover; Trowbridge v Poole; Waterlooville v Farnham; Willenhall v Bromsgrove; Witney v Gloucester. Postponed: Gosport v Andover.

CENTRAL LEAGUE: First division (7.0 unless stated): Manchester City v Sheffield United (6.45); Middlesbrough v Liverpool; Sheffield Wednesday v Oldham; Sunderland v Manchester United. Second division: Blackpool v Rotherham; Bolton v Bradford City; Notts County v Barnsley.

FOOTBALL COMBINATION: Ipswich v West Ham (2.0); Portsmouth v Fulham (7.0).

RUGBY UNION: Club matches (7.15): Northampton v Nuneaton; Roundhay v Huddersfield.

SQUASH RACKETS: American Express Premier League (6.30): Ardleigh Hall v Roundstretcher Dunnings Mill; Chapel Allerton v Halls West Country; Manchester Northern v Arrow Village; Wood Memorial v Home Ales; Nomingotan General; Spa Cards v Inter-City Campers.

BASKETBALL: British Masters (Regional round): Tower Hamlets v Lambeth Tornadoes (8.0).

POOLS FORECAST by Paul Newman

Saturday November 1 unless stated

FIRST DIVISION

X A Villa v Leicester
2 Charlton v Arsenal
2 Chelsea v Watford
1 Liverpool v Norwich
X Luton v QPR
1 Man U v Coventry
1 Newcastle v Oxford
1 Notts F v Sheff W
1 Southampton v Man C
1 Tottenham v Wimbledon

Not on coupons: West Ham v Everton (Sunday).

SECOND DIVISION

1 Barnsley v Blackburn
2 Bradford v Reading
X Brighton v Hull
1 Grimsby v Millwall
1 Ipswich v Huddersfield
1 Leeds v Shrewsbury
X Oldham v Portsmouth
1 Plymouth v C Palace
2 Sheff U v Sunderland
1 Stoke v Derby
1 WBA v Birmingham

THIRD DIVISION

1 Blackpool v Bristol C
1 Brentford v Bolton
1 Bristol R v Darlington
1 Chester v Walsall
1 Doncaster v Fulham
1 Gillingham v Chesterfld
2 Newport v Notts Co
2 Rotherham v Mansfield
1 Swindon v York
1 Wigan v Carlisle

Not on coupons: Bury v Port Vale; Middlesbrough v Bournemouth.

FOURTH DIVISION

1 Burnley v Peterboro
2 Hartlepool v Nthampton
1 Hereford v Aldershot
2 Lincoln v Tranmere
X Preston v Exeter
X Scunthorpe v Wrexham
1 Swansea v Rochdale

Not on coupons: Cambridge v Crewe (Friday); Colchester v Wolves (Friday); Halifax v Cardiff (Friday); Orient v Stockprt (Friday); Southend v Torquay (Friday).

GM VAUXHALL CONFERENCE

1 Maidstone v Stafford
1 Northwich v Weaidstone
1 Nuneaton v Gateshead
1 Scarboro v Kettering
X Sutton U v Bath
2 Welling v Telford

SCOTTISH PREMIER

X Celtic v Rangers
X Dundee v Aberdeen
X Falkirk v Clydebank
1 Hearts v Hibernian
1 Motherwell v Hamilton
X St Mirren v Dundee U

SCOTTISH FIRST

2 Brechin v Dumbarton
1 Dunfermline v Kilmarnock
2 Montrose v Clyde
1 Morton v E Fife
X Partick v Airdrie
1 Q of Sth v Forfar

SCOTTISH SECOND

2 Albion v Raith
1 Alloa v E Stirling

Not on coupons: Arbroath v Stranraer; Cowdenbeath v Stenhousemuir; Meadowbank v Stirling; Queen's Park v Berwick; St Johnstone v Ayr.

HOMES: Manchester United, Southampton, Tottenham, Leeds, Brentford, Gillingham, Swindon, Wigan, Swansea, Nuneaton, Scarborough, Alloa.
FIXED ODDS: Homes: Tottenham, Leeds, Gillingham, Wigan, Swansea. Aways: Arsenal, Reading, Northampton. Draws: Oldham, Scunthorpe, Celtic.

TREBLE CHANCE (home teams): Aston Villa, Luton, Brighton, Oldham, Preston, Scunthorpe, Sutton United, Celtic, Dundee, Falkirk, St Mirren, Partick.
BEST DRAWS: Luton, Oldham, Preston, Scunthorpe, Celtic.
AWAYS: Arsenal, Reading, Mansfield, Northampton, Telford.

PUBLIC APPOINTMENTS

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You must be able to demonstrate:-

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Please phone the Staff Training Centre on 01-871 7463 for application form and further details. Closes 19 November.

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North West Thames
REGIONAL HEALTH AUTHORITY

Support Services Manager

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You would also be liaising with medical, scientific and clerical staff in drawing up and implementing operational plans in all sections of the centre. You would also play a key role in the planning and commissioning of a new centre during the next four years.

This is an exciting and challenging job in a vital area of the health service and if you are a blood donor, all the better because we need every drop we can get.

Application form and job description available from the Employee Services Unit, North West Thames Regional Health Authority, 40 Eastbourne Terrace, London W2 3QR. Telephone number 01-262 8011 Ext. 3120 quoting Reference Number 269.

Closing date: 7 November 1986.

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For further details, please contact Julie Connell on 01-937 5464 ext. 2844.
Closing date for applications: 14th November, 1986.

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A & C Scale 23 / N & M Senior Nurse 2

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Applicants should be professionally qualified and have had a wide experience at senior level in a health/public service environment, and be able to demonstrate effective personal achievements in health care or associated services.

Interviews for this appointment will take place on 27th and 28th November 1986.

Candidates wishing to discuss details of this post should contact Lionel Joyce, Unit General Manager, St Nicholas Hospital, Tel (091) 285 0151, Ext 202.

Application forms and job descriptions available from:

Mr. D Coleman, Personnel Department, St. Nicholas Hospital, Newcastle upon Tyne, NE3 3 XT.

Completed application forms to be returned by 12 noon on 11th November 1986.

NOTTINGHAM

Selections

By Mandarin
1.30 Kings Touch.
2.00 Denalto.
2.30 Tyrannise.
3.00 *LEGAL BID* (nap).
3.30 Actualizations.
4.00 Tyrian Princess.

By Our Newmarket Correspondent
1.30 Love At Last.
2.00 Patriotic.
2.30 Davillia.
3.00 *Legal Bid.*
3.30 Green For Danger.
4.00 Wood Pecker.

Michael Seely's selection: 4.00 PHARAOH BLUE (nap).

Going: good **Draw: 5f-6f high numbers best**

1.30 REPTON CLAIMING STAKES (3-Y-O: £2,113: 6f) (23 runners)

1 (9) 000400 DEBBIE DOE (D) (N Robinson) C Thornton 9-7 J Lowe 85 —
4 (19) 1-00000 LUNAR SHAMAL-GAL (B) (A Abulhoul) G Pritchard-Gordon 9-2 R Cochrane 76 —
7 (23) 000000 OCEAN TRADER (B,D) (A Mullings) G Lewis 9-0 P Waldron 90 —
13 (5) 00-300 KINGS RING (R Richards) D Hanley 8-12 S Whitworth — —
14 (14) 302400 *SUPERCOOMBE (E Jameson) P Cole 8-12* T Quinn 88 8-1
15 (16) 212401 JACQUI JOY (Mrs I Reichler) K Ivory 8-11 A Shoults (5) 74 5-1
16 (22) 000000 YOUNG PUGGY (D Coppenhall) R Hollinshead 8-11 S Perks 86 —
17 (4) 040002 KINGS TOUCH (D) (Mrs S MacMaster) P Makin 8-10 — ●99 11-2
18 (21) 040200 COURT TOWN (J Horgan) R Hannon 8-9 B Rouse 92 F7-2
19 (18) 1-00000 HOPEFULL DANCER (B) (Mrs J Regler) R Hannon 8-8 A McGlone — —
20 (7) 300000 LOW FLYER (C Van Wijk) G Oldroyd 8-7 G Brown — —
21 (3) 0 PROGO (R Warren) R Hoad 8-7 W Newnes — —
23 (17) 0-00200 GLOBAL (Global Homes Ltd) W Musson 8-5 M Wigham 96 10-1
24 (11) 203010 IMPERIAL SUNRISE (B,D) (A Dickman) M W Easterby 8-5 — 86 —
25 (6) 0-00010 KELLY LINDO (Mrs P Cosgrave) J Cosgrave 8-5 G Dickie 80 —
27 (15) 200240 MADAM MUFFIN (BF) (G Lock) J Bethell 8-4 *Pat Eddery* 87 —
28 (8) 0-00 WHO'S THAT GIRL (B) (Mrs A Botten) M Fetherston-Godley 8-4 C Rutter (3) — —
29 (12) 003001 PADDINGTON BELLE (V,D) (Miss D Jarvis) B Stevens 8-3 G French 75 9-2
30 (2) 000030 SPANISH INFANTA (E Rollinson) P Felgate 8-2 A Mackay 78 —
31 (1) 000300 THE STAMP DEALER (J Moores) E Alston 8-2 T Williams 86 —
34 (13) *24-0000 HERMINDA (Mrs A Kidd) M Vigors 7-13* S Dawson 91 —
36 (10) 33332 LOVE AT LAST (Mrs M Charlton) W Hastings-Bass 7-13 R Lines (3) 92 9-2
37 (20) VILMAX (E Gethin) B McMahon 7-13 G Carter — —

1985: No corresponding race

FORM OCEAN TRADER was (9-7) 7l 6th to Easy Line (8-0) 3 outings back, with YOUNG PUGGY (8-12) *7th of 18 (5f, £2792, good, Aug 15). JACQUI JOY (8-1) got up to beat* Stanbo (8-8) a short head at Catterick (5f, £1876, good to firm, Oct 18, 13 ran). KINGS TOUCH (9-10) appreciated coming back to sprinting when 1½l 2nd to Jarrovian (9-6) at Redcar (6f, £2195, firm, Oct 14, 13 ran), with LOW FLYER (8-8) behind. The inconsistent COURT TOWN (9-2) last showed form when head 2nd to Haywain (8-1) at Lingfield (7f, £2751, good, Sept 16, 19 ran). IMPERIAL SUNRISE (8-2) 1½l selling winner from Avada (8-5) at Ayr (6f, £940, firm, Sept 20, 10 ran) but has not shown in handicap company since. LOVE AT LAST (8-8) head 2nd to Grange Farm Lady (8-8) in Haydock seller with SPANISH INFANTA (8-8) 5l back 6th, MADAM MUFFIN (8-8), HOPEFUL DANCER (8-13) and JACQUI JOY (8-13) behind (6f, £1512, good to firm, Oct 16, 15 ran).
Selection: KINGS TOUCH

2.00 FULL CHOKE HANDICAP (3-Y-O: £1,459: 2m 2f) (16 runners)

1 (3) 020400 MILTESCENS (B,C,BF) (A Mansfield) A Jarvis 9-7 Pat Eddery ●99 9-2
3 (10) *034004 CAROUSEL ROCKET (A Saccomando) R Whitaker 9-2* K Bradshaw (5) 92 15-2
7 (15) 030411 NIMBLE NATIVE (B Abtahi) S Norton 8-13 J Lowe 96 F3-1
9 (8) 000004 MARINA PLATA (Miss S Hills) D Chapman 8-10 — 90 —
11 (2) 203034 DENBERDAR (D Newton) R Hollinshead 8-7 S Perks 95 10-1
12 (14) 000041 LOST OPPORTUNITY (V) (Sheikh M Al Sabah) J Bethell 8-7 (7ex) W Newnes 91 4-1
15 (7) 0400 RIDESIDE (B) (B Farr) M W Easterby 8-4 R Cochrane 94 —
17 (12) 000000 MISTRAL MAGIC (M Page) P Makin 8-1 T Quinn 90 —
18 (1) 000 GEX (Venture Chem Prod Ltd) R Akehurst 8-1 N Adams — —
19 (4) 04040 KASU (S Taberner) J Harris 8-1 A Proud 94 —
22 (9) 302022 DENALTO (BF) (A Crawford) Denys Smith 7-12 B Crossley 98 13-2
26 (16) 00-0410 PATRIOTIC (Mrs C Philipson) M Prescott 7-8 A Mackay 90 13-2
28 (5) *0000 GARTHMAN (J Measures) P Felgate 7-7* N Carlisle 98 —
29 (13) 000000 BULLY BOY (A Richards) D Hanley 7-7 G Carter 97 —
30 (11) 000-040 CUPIDS BOWER (Mrs S James) A James 7-7 Nicola Dean (7) — —
31 (6) 0-40044 GO FLAMINGO (D McDuffie) A James 7-7 S Dawson 89 —

1985: FULL CHOKE 9-7 L Piggott (15-8 fav) J Dunlop 9 ran

FORM *MILTESCENS disappointing in minor company since (9-4) 5¾l 4th of 5 behind High Tension (9-10) in July (1m 5f, £2503, good to firm, July 26).* CAROUSEL ROCKET (9-2) 7l 4th to Path's Sister (9-2) at Ayr (1m 7f, £2401, good, Oct 13, 11 ran). NIMBLE NATIVE comes here on a hat-trick after (8-8) just getting up to beat DENALTO (7-10) a short head at Newcastle (2m, £2264, firm, Oct 7, 7 ran). Earlier NIMBLE NATIVE (9-1) had Catterick selling winner PATRIOTIC (8-5) 19l behind in 5th when winning at Edinburgh (1m 7f, £989, good to firm, Sept 13, 8 ran). MARINA PLATA won twice early season on soft ground. Last seen in *August when (9-4) 18l 4th of 12 to Severn Hills (9-2) at Catterick (1m 6f, £1708, good, Aug 13, 12 ran).* LOST OPPORTUNITY (7-13) was visored for the first time when beating Treasure Hunter (9-10) 5l at Catterick (2m, £1491, good to firm, Oct 18, 5 ran).
Selection: MILTESCENS

2.30 BITTER END SELLING HANDICAP (3-Y-O: £911: 1m 2f) (16 runners)

1 (10) 3-0004 DAVALLIA (B,BF) (Lord Fairhaven) D Morley 9-7 R Cochrane 88 12-1
2 (1) 000 DENIECE (B) (J Norton) J Norton 9-2 A Culhane (7) 90 —
3 (15) 040 WORTH DEBATING (M Clemence) G Gaines 8-12 — — —
4 (16) 00-0000 GARY AND LARRY (Miss D Hallsworth) P Bevan 8-10 — 91 —
5 (7) 200-003 DELTA LIMA (B) (R De Lisser) G Kindersley 8-10 J Reid 92 F7-2
10 (9) *000100 DRESS IN SPRING (Spring House Dresses Ltd) G Blum 8-5* M Rimmer 98 5-1
11 (3) 0-00000 LINTON SPRINGTIME (Linton Spring Res) R Whitaker 8-4 K Bradshaw (5) — —
12 (4) 000-00 MOSSAU (M MacCarthy) G Thorner 8-3 M Woods (3) — —
14 (5) 400200 BEE-KAY-ESS (B Symonds) R Holder 8-2 S Dawson 97 13-2
15 (6) 0-00000 BAYDON QUEEN (A Richards) D Hanley 8-1 S Whitworth — 12-1
16 (14) 00-0002 FOLKSWOOD (K Woodard) M Camacho 8-0 J Lowe 95 4-1
17 (11) 0-400 NAME THE DAY (B) (J Douglas-Home) J Douglas-Home 8-0 W Newnes — 8-1
18 (8) 0-0020 TYRANNISE (D Ball) B McMahon 7-13 A Mackay 98 10-1
21 (2) 000000 MISS VENEZUELA (Mrs S Popvich) B Stevens 7-10 G French 93 —
22 (12) 4-40400 ANDREA'S PRIDE (J Corson) A Smith 7-9 G Carter ●99 —
24 (13) 0-0000 GROSVENOR COURT (V) (W Wharton) W Wharton 7-7 — 97 —

1985: MILINA 8-5 B McGiff (15-2) T Barron 24 ran

FORM DAVALLIA, (9-7) 8l 4th to Dawn Venture (8-1) at Catterick (1m 4f, £1070, good to firm, Oct 18, 8 ran). GARY AND LARRY has some form in this sphere including (9-0) a 3½l 5th to Keep Cool (8-11) at Newmarket (8f, £1831, good to firm, May 30, 14 ran). Inconsistent DRESS IN SPRING (8-6) beat Octiga (8-0) ½l at Newmarket in August (7f, £1999, good, Aug 22, 13 ran). BAYDON QUEEN (8-8) and NAME THE DAY *(8-8) well beaten 5th and 6th to La Cazadora (8-8) at Lingfield (1m 4f, £901, good, Sept 16, 12 ran).* FOLKSWOOD (8-7) 4l 2nd to Carr Wood (8-7) at Beverley (8.5f, £950, good to soft, Aug 27, 18 ran). TYRANNISE has been lightly-raced and (8-11) was 3l 2nd to maid of Honfleur (8-11) in early July (8f, £547, good to firm, July 2, 11 ran).
Selection: DAVALLIA

Guide to our in-line racecard

103 (12) 0-0432 TIMESFORM (CD,BF) (Mrs J Ryley) B Hall 9-10-0 B West (4) 88 7-2

Racecard number. Draw in brackets. Six-figure form (F-fell. P-pulled up. U-unseated rider. B-brought down. S-slipped up. R-refused). Horse's name (*B-blinkers. V-visor. H-hood. E-eyeshield.* C-course winner. D-distance winner. CD-course and distance winner. BF-beaten favourite in latest race). Owner in brackets. Trainer. Age and weight. Rider plus any allowance. The Times *Private Handicapper's rating. Approximate starting* price.

3.0 WHATTON MANOR STUD (2-Y-O: £3,766: 1m 50yd) (19 runners)

1 (16) 1 TWEETER (J Garcia-Roady) G Harwood 9-2 A Clark 96 F5-4
7 (11) *0 BRONZE BUCK (Sheikh A Al Maktoum) M Jarvis 8-11* B Rouse 90 —
8 (1) 0 BURLY NATIVE (Heathavon Sables Ltd) G Pritchard-Gordon 8-11 G Carter — —
9 (4) BY THE FIRESIDE (R E A Bott Ltd) C Nelson 8-11 J Reid — 8-1
16 (10) 0 GOLD SCEPTRE (F Salman) P Cole 8-11 T Quinn — —
17 (6) HOLTERMANN (K Abdulla) J Tree 8-11 Pat Eddery — 10-1
20 (13) LEGAL BID (W Farish III) H Cecil 8-11 S Cauthen — 11-2
21 (15) 0 MIDBADGE (F Salman) M Prescott 8-11 J Lowe — —
23 (14) PALACE SONG (A Anastasiou) A Charles 8-11 R Cochrane — —
24 (5) PALAIS DE DANSE (The Queen) W Hastings-Bass 8-11 R Lines (3) — —
25 (9) 0 RATHDSRUM (Mrs A Chapman) M Prescott 8-11 R Curant — —
28 (17) 0 RIBOBAMBINO (R Meredith) W Brooks 8-11 N Adams — —
30 (19) 0 TRANBY CROFT (R McCreery) L Piggott 8-11 B Crossley — —
31 (3) 0 TRAPPER (Mrs V Ryder) P Cole 8-11 — — 10-1
35 (7) 0 CANARY WHARF (J Ruddy) F Durr 8-8 W Newnes — —
37 (8) 0 DALBY DANCER (J Benbow) P Felgate 8-8 A Mackay — —
38 (18) 0 DEBUTANTE BALL (J Adger) D Morley 8-8 W Hood — —
44 (2) 2 SCALLYKATH (S Jack) R Hodges 8-8 — 70 —
46 (12) 2 TIQUEGREAN (Hesmonds Stud) J Dunlop 8-8 R Fox ●89 4-1

1985: SHTAIFEH 8-8 A Murray (11-2) H Thomson Jones 8 ran

FORM TWEETER (9-0) showed a good turn of foot to beat Bashayer (9-0) ½l at Newmarket (7f, £5157, good to firm, Oct 3, 21 ran), with RATHDRUM (9-0) tailed off. GOLD SCEPTRE (9-0) was beaten 15l into 6th by Ion Bey (9-0) at Haydock (1m 40yds, £2630, good to firm, Oct 15, 14 ran). TIQUEGREAN (8-11), unfancied, ran on to finish 2l 2nd to Pollenate (9-0) at Newmarket (7f, £5209, good to firm, Oct 3, 27 ran), with BRONZE BUCK (9-0) 4L back in 7th and TRAPPER (9-0) behind.
Selection: TWEETER

3.30 LESTER PIGGOTT FINAL HANDICAP (£1,797: 1m 50yd) (20 runners)

2 (10) 0-00000 BRAMPTON GRACE (W Wharton) W Wharton 4-9-10 — 84 —
3 (1) 200002 XHAI (M Tompkins) M Tompkins 4-9-9 M Rimmer 94 9-1
6 (6) 000000 CREEAGER (J Berry) W Wharton 4-9-6 R Curant 92 —
8 (15) 000000 SPARKY LAD (D Kelly) A Jarvis 3-9-3 Pat Eddery 90 14-1
10 (8) 000000 IVORY GULL (Sheikh Mohammed) J Dunlop 3-9-2 B Rouse 91 10-1
11 (2) 120004 EVERY EFFORT (M Klein) R Holder 4-9-1 S Cauthen 97 16-1
12 (16) 0-00230 HIGHLAND IMAGE (T Blake) R Hutchinson 4-9-1 J Reid 92 16-1
14 (20) 223000 RUN BY JOVE (V) (S Dinsmore) P Haslam 3-8-13 T Williams 88 10-1
17 (11) 2340-03 MAKALU (T Warner) M Jarvis 3-8-12 T Lucas 85 F5-1
20 (3) 2-0000 FLORAL CHARGE (T Holland-Martin) R Johnson Houghton 3-8-11 P Waldron 88 14-1
21 (4) 0-0300 CHART CLIMBER (C Wright) D Lang 3-8-10 S Whitworth 81 —
22 (18) 00-3002 GREEN FOR DANGER (A Shead) J Hindley 3-8-9 A Shoults (5) 97 12-1
23 (19) 010400 TIP-TAP (J Wilberforce) A Hide 4-8-9 P Bloomfield 93 12-1
24 (9) 000003 VAIGLIAN (B) (Mrs D Shirley) J Bethell 3-8-8 Paul Eddery 86 12-1
25 (5) 000030 SILLY BOY (N Bycroft) N Bycroft 6-8-9 J Lowe ●89 —
28 (12) 034242 ACTUALIZATIONS USA (R Stokes) L Cumani 3-8-9 R Cochrane 98 13-2
29 (17) 020-000 AZELLY (Mrs H Plumbly) T Bill 3-8-8 N Carlisle 82 —
30 (7) 140404 BLACK COMEDY (BF) (Mrs W Gerhauser) M Ryan 3-8-8 G Carter 94 14-1
32 (13) 10/2-004 RIO DEVA (C) (Dickens Ltd) J Harris 8-8-8 R Lappin (7) 90 —
33 (14) 320002 FARAG (CD,BF) (H Al-Maktoum) P Walwyn 3-8-8 D Mead (7) 94 8-1

1985: GURTEEN BOY 3-8-7 A McGlone (10-1) R Hannon 19 ran

FORM *XHAI, (9-9) 1½l 2nd to Sharon's Royale (8-10) at Leicester with EVERY EFFORT (9-1) 1l back* 4th, HIGHLAND IMAGE (9-1) 8th and CREEAGER (9-6) behind (8l, £3034, good to firm, Oct 21, 23 ran). HIGHLAND IMAGE had earlier been 3rd at Ostand and prior to that (8-1) ½l 2nd to Steady Eddie (8-13) at Lingfield (7f, £2868, good, Aug 9, 13 ran). MAKALO (8-11) 3l 3rd to Skean (8-11) at Lingfield (7½f, £959, good to firm, Oct 9, 16 ran). GREEN FOR DANGER (8-8) 1½l 3rd to Basoof (8-8) (8f £959, good, oct 13, 7 ran). ACTUALIZATIONS (8-10) ½l Hamilton 2nd to Bia Dorado (9-5) with RUN BY JOVE (9-0) 8½l back 5th and SIL-*LY BOY (8-10) a head away 8th (8f, £2192, good to soft, Oct 20, 18 ran).* SILLY BOY (9-1) earlier 2l 3rd to Bia Dorado (9-3) (8f, £2646, good, Oct 14, 15 ran). He appreciates soft ground.
Selection: SILLY BOY

4.0 EAST MIDLAND NURSERY HANDICAP (2-Y-O: £1,734: 1m 50yd) (20 runners)

2 (19) 4010 ABSINTHE (Lord Fairhaven) D Morley 9-7 R Guest 88 —
3 (2) *01000 PUNTA CALAHONDA (B) (D Faulkner) N Bycroft 9-7* R Cochrane 97 9-1
6 (10) 341300 BATTLEAXE (B,C) (C Cole) J Toller 9-2 S Cauthen 94 10-1
8 (13) 203 WOODPECKER (Mrs H Jones) H Thomson Jones 9-1 R Hills 96 —
9 (11) 4340 GENTLE DARIUS (T Ramsden) M Ryan 8-12 M Giles 94 10-1
10 (9) 00322 SUPREME STATE (T Wellard) P Makin 8-11 S Parks 96 7-1
12 (1) 0300 GUNNER STREAM (V Kelly) R Holder 8-10 J Reid 89 —
13 (14) 400 SKOLERN (G Leatham) M W Easterby 8-9 T Lucas 86 8-1
18 (15) 140040 KIERON PRESS (Otterdawn Ass Ltd) D Arbuthnot 8-8 A Clark 92 10-1
20 (4) 300 FOREIGN KNIGHT (N Philips) M Blanshard 8-8 B Rouse 93 —
21 (18) 3003 KING RICHARD (D Hunnisett) J Dunlop 8-6 R Fox 98 12-1
23 (6) 000323 CAMMAC LAD (Cammac Ltd) C Tinkler 8-6 — 91 12-1
25 (16) 01 TYRIAN PRINCESS (W Ponsonby) P Cole 8-4 T Quinn 95 F5-1
26 (17) 00003 CHESTER TERRACE (L Saner) P Walwyn 8-4 Paul Eddery 93 6-1
27 (8) 040012 MELGROVE (B) (J Rowbottom) J Etherington 8-3 J Lowe 98 16-1
28 (20) 400030 CITY FINAL (Mrs P Tellwright) R Hollinshead 8-3 A Culhane (7) 91 —
29 (5) 0030 SOULEIADOU (B) (Mrs V Longcroft) R Johnson Houghton 8-3 R Curant 91 14-1
31 (7) *120422 PHARAOH BLUE (Mrs C Pateras) C Brittain 8-3* M Roberts ●89 12-1
32 (12) 400000 PERSIAN TAPESTRY (B) (Binfield Manor Farms) J Francome 8-3 W Newnes 93 —
36 (3) 000001 RIBOGIRL (Mrs E Pyle) R Sheather 7-12 Dale Gibson (7) 96 14-1

1985: FARAG 8-13 J Mercer (15-2) P Walwyn 15 ran

FORM PUNTA CALAHONDA (9-7) was beaten 4l when 7th of 9 to Boy Singer (7-12) at Ayr (1m, £4862, good to firm, Sept 18), with CHESTER TERRACE (7-7) was a short head behind in 8th. WOODPECKER (9-0) 4l 3rd and GENTLE DARIUS (9-0) 2½l further away 4th behind Arden (9-0) at Beverley (1m 100yds, £1832, firm, Sept 24, 15 ran). SUPREME STATE (9-2) takes major step up in distance having run 1¼l to Linn O'Dee (8-3) over 5f at Beverley (1667, firm, Sept 25, 15 ran). KING RICHARD (8-7) had PERSIAN TAPESTRY (8-4) 2½l back in 7th when 1l 3rd to Perfect Stranger (9-3) at Warwick (1m, £1613, firm, Oct 14, 15 ran). TYRIAN PRINCESS (8-9) finished well to win a Newmarket seller by ¾l from Haleys Run (8-11) (7f, £3133, good to firm, Oct 1, 22 ran). *PHARAOH BLUE, beaten a head last time with the 3rd 3l back (1m).* Previously (8-4) 3l 2nd to Speedbird (8-12) at Redcar (7f, £2371, firm, Sept 26, 11 ran), with KIERON PRESS (8-9) was head and short head away 4th.
Selection: TYRIAN PRINCESS

Course specialists

TRAINERS	Winners	Runners	Per Cent
H Cecil	38	79	48.1
J Tree	8	20	40.0
C Tinkler	6	36	16.7
J Dunlop	17	109	15.6
H T Jones	13	90	14.4
A Jarvis	16	120	13.3

JOCKEYS	Winners	Rides	Per Cent
Pat Eddery	26	121	21.5
S Cauthen	29	163	17.8
R Hills	12	88	13.6
Paul Eddery	19	149	12.8

Only qualifiers



Sonic Lady (right), has settled down well in her quest to win the Breeders Cup Mile at Santa Anita, California

Legal Bid set to continue winning ways for Cecil

By Mandarin (Michael Phillips)

Fresh from his triumph with Reference Point, in last Saturday's William Hill Futurity at Doncaster, Henry Cecil is now all set to show us another of his very promising two-year-old at Nottingham today.

I am referring to Legal Bid who will make his belated racecourse debut in the Whatton Manor Stud Stakes. The race is sponsored by two of Cecil's owners, Mr & Mrs Peter Player.

A half-brother to those good horses Law Society and Strike Your Colors, by Spectacular Bid, who won the first two legs of the American Triple Crown. Legal Bid was to have had his first race in the Chesterton Stakes at Newmarket twelve days ago.

However, as he did not eat all his food the night before, and Cecil decided not to risk him. It transpired Legal Bid was a bit off colour but only for a couple of days. However he is fine again, and is expected to draw further attention to the great strength and depth that exists at Warren Place among the two-year-olds.

The obvious danger on this occasion is Guy Harwood's American bred colt Tweeter, who made such a pleasing debut at Newmarket the beginning of this month. He ran on strongly in the last furlong to beat Bashayer, Bracorina and Indian Skimmer in a driving finish.

As the trainer of Indian Skimmer as well Cecil, is in the perfect position to judge whether Legal Bid can beat Tweeter now. The fact that he has stood his ground with a 5lbs allowance speaks for itself, and I nap Legal Bid to make a winning start to his career.

The other obvious threat is Tiquegrean and Bronze Buck. They both finished second and seventh respectively at Newmarket in the race won commandingly by Pollenate. But if *Legal Bid* is all he is made out to be he will be hard to beat.

Actualizations, who was beaten only *half a length by* that much improved colt Bien Dorado at Hamilton eight days ago. She now looks due *for a change of luck in the* Lester Piggott Final Handicap, and her consistency deserves a victory.

Abu Muslab, who was backed down to 6-1 favourite from 14-1 for a race at Newbury last Thursday where he could only manage second; has been despatched north from Newmarket to Redcar on a retrieving mission. Ben Hanbury, his trainer, hopes to get back the losses in the Eaglescliffe Maiden Stakes.

However he has other fancied Newmarket raiders to contend with, notably Azyaa who also came unstuck last time out when made favourite, and Ice Chocolate who showed a lot of promise on her debut at Newmarket when she finished fourth behind Gold Fee.

I just give Ice Chocolate the edge in this instance.

Likewise I also just prefer the recent easy Ayr winner Chilibang to Ski Captain for the Provideo Stakes. It was by only a short head that Ski Captain was beaten at Catterick Bridge recently by *Mazilier. Even one so nippy* as Chilibang could find the task of conceding him 8lbs difficult.

Blinkered first time

NOTTINGHAM: 1.30 Lunar Shamal-Gal, Who's That Girl. 2.0 Rideside. 2.30 Davalia, Name The Day. 4.0 Punta Calahonda, Persian Tapestry. REDCAR: 1.45 Res Non Verba, Gem Mart. 3.15 Baxtergate.

Expensive losers find new homes

By Christopher Goulding

For every winner there are many losers in the competitive world of racing. None more so than the large numbers of horses that attempt to give their owners a taste of that coveted glory. In the case of the Arab owned racehorses, whose purchase price put them well out the *reaches of the run of the mill* owner, their losses are extremely high.

Now that the Arab ruling families tend to dominate the Flat racing scene with expensively bought blue bloods, one does not hear about their vast numbers of disappointments. But this cannot be better illustrated than by a glance at the horses in training sale, which started at Newmarket yesterday.

Darley Stud, the trading name for Sheikh Mohammed, are selling 47 lots. Some are home bred, but 36 were bought at public auction. In America, 16 were purchased for $3.26 million, another 22 were bought in England, France and Ireland for 2.769 million guineas.

The most expensive purchase is the John Dunlop trained Hal Laab, $US7,000,000. The best he could do for his owner was at Goodwood where he collected £197.60, after finishing last of four runners.

Despite their depreciation in value, they will be highly sought *after. The majority of them will* be raced under National Hunt rules. Others will find their way to the smaller trainers on the Flat who have more time to let them develop their full potential.

Five for Cockney Lass

From Our Irish Racing Correspondent, Dublin

Mr Joseph Morrissey, of St Louis, has made a great start with his first venture into bloodstock in Ireland. His three-year-old filly Cockney Lass who is unbeaten, won her fifth race at Leopardstown yesterday.

Cockney Lass was in the rear turning into the straight, but she passed eight of her rivals, including the English challenger Lundylux, in the final furlong to win by a length. She remains in training next year.

Dermot Weld, the fillies trainer, earlier won the Murphystown Hurdle with Son Of Ivor who had been third in the Triumph Hurdle at Cheltenham in March. Weld said: "I will run him in one more hurdle race here next month and then send him to chasing in the new year."

Vincent O'Brien had a change of luck with his two-year-old with Golden Aisle, who won the Dodder Maiden in a photo-finish. He is hardly going to be as good as his pedigree suggests, being a son of the Epsom Derby winner Golden Fleece·

Dancing Brave in top form

From Michael Seely, Santa Anita, California

Dancing Brave was a stone below his best racing weight when having his preliminary exercise on the race track at Santa Anita at 9.50 yesterday morning. "The horse is in great shape," said Guy Harwood. "He tipped the scales at 1072lbs before flying out. Ideally I'd like to have him at 1088lbs. However it's not much to have lost and he can put it all back on in a day."

The home trained horses had been working from 6am in the comparative cool of the early morning. But the temperature was climbing into the 90s when Dancing Brave and Cataldi were ridden out from the barns. Sonic Lady and Green Desert, Michael Stoute's candidates for the Breeders' Cup Mile and Sprint respectively were also doing light work.

Harwood is well aware of the stiff task facing Khaled Abdulla's champion. "Of course it's asking a lot of the horse. He's been on the go since April," said the trainer. "But you only get a horse like Dancing Brave once in a lifetime. If you can't bring him to the Breeders' Cup where can you go? Mr Abdulla has been determined to come here. He's a tremendous horse, the best since Nijinsky, Mill Reef and Brigadier Gerard. He looks in marvellous condition. Let's hope the edge hasn't gone off him."

John Gosden, one of the top Californian trainers, agreed. "The European horses have certainly got it all to do," He said. "They've not only had a long season, they've had to face the journey and get used to the sharp track. And don't forget that most of our best horses have been specially prepared for Breeders' Cup Day."

Later in the morning Harwood gave a press conference. "Both Lear Fan and Rousillon, the horses I brought over for the last two Breeders' Cup ran disappointingly. That's why I've brought Dancing Brave out here a few days earlier to give him as much experience of the track as possible. He also wants to put back some of the fluid he's lost on the journey. He'll only have one serious workout before Saturday, probably on Wednesday."

Then, discussing the race he continued. "We've got to face up to the fact that horses running over here for the first time might well perform 12lbs below their best.

Estrapade, Manila and Dahar would appear to form the hard core of the opposition to Dancing Brave. Estrapade has only run once since strolling home in the Budweiser Arlington Million when beating Theatrical in a canter on this track on October 12. The six-year-old mare delighted Charlie Whittingham, her trainer, in a gallop last week.

Michael Stoute also intends to run Ivor's Image against Dancing Brave. The filly has been stabled here for a week as she was flown straight on from Canada after winning the E P Taylor Stakes in Toronto nine days ago. "The owner's keen to have a crack at the big one," said the trainer from his home in Newmarket. "She's already won a group one in Italy and a group two in Canada.

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Selections

By Mandarin
1.15 Ice Chocolate.
1.45 Miss Apex.
2.15 Rare Legend.
2.45 Chilibang.
3.15 Hopeful Katie.
3.45 Anubi.
4.10 Lake Erie.

By Our Newmarket Correspondent
1.15 Ice Chocolate.
1.45 Polynor.
2.15 Mevagissey.
2.45 Domineering.
3.15 Apprila.
4.15 Mubdi.
4.10 Lake Erie.

By Michael Seely
2.45 Chilibang. 4.10 Lake Erie.

The Times Private Handicapper's top rating: 4.10 LAKE ERIE.

Going: good ***Draw: no advantage***

1.15 EAGLESCLIFFE MAIDEN STAKES (2-Y-O: £1,894: 6f) (26 runners)

1 (2) 002 ABU MUSLAB (BF) (M Salem) B Hanbury 9-0 G Baxter ●99 7-2
2 (15) ALI-MAR-HEL (Mrs M Dixon) J Jefferson 9-0 M Wood — —
3 (23) 000 ATAKASHACK (Miss E Curtis) G Calvert 9-0 N Rodgers (7) — —
4 (16) 0 AUTOBAHN (C Platts) Miss S Hall 9-0 K Hodgson — —
5 (13) 023 BILLY CONNOLLY (W Joyce) M Brittain 9-0 K Darley 89 8-1
6 (5) 0 BREGA (C Wright) T Fairhurst 9-0 P Robinson — —
7 (1) 0 CAROL'S HEIGHTS (T Hammond) J Parkes 9-0 — — —
8 (21) 000 CHARLOU'S CHOICE (R Taberner) R Juckes 9-0 J Hills (5) — —
9 (9) 000 COWLAM BOY (C Gray) C Gray 9-0 J Quinn (5) — —
10 (4) 324004 DANADN (D Norton) Ron Thompson 9-0 R P Elliott 77 —
11 (6) 00 EDENTHORPE (Hippodromo Racing) M W Easterby 9-0 M Birch — —
12 (14) 30 ENTIRE (BF) (B Haggas) M Prescott 9-0 C Nutter 80 6-1
20 (10) 0 INTROVERT (P Halsall) A Smith 9-0 S Webster — —
25 (22) 00 ROYAL TOWER (Mrs G Spink) H Jones 9-0 W R Swinburn 88 —
29 (8) *00 ABSOLUTELY FREE (Mrs A Carr) C Thornton 8-11* J Bleasdale 82 —
30 (20) 33 AZYAA (BF) (H Al-Maktoum) H Thomson Jones 8-11 A Murray 91 F6-4
31 (12) 40 BELAKA (J Smith) R Sheather 8-11 W Ryan 80 —
37 (19) DAWN SKY (Mrs J Pallister) C Thornton 8-11 P Harrison (7) — —
38 (18) 0 EIGHT MILE ROCK (E St George) M W Easterby 8-11 M Hindley (3) — —
40 (26) 4 ICE CHOCOLATE (C Shack) W Jarvis 8-11 B Thomson 93 5-2
43 (11) 00 LONG VIEW (Mrs L Caley) Mrs G Reveley 8-11 D Nicholls — —
46 (3) 40 NICOPHANA (R Olgiata) D Incisa 8-11 M Beecroft 70 —
50 (24) 000 SALLY FOXTROT (C Thornton) C Thornton 8-11 M Tebbutt (7) 82 —
52 (17) 0 TAYLOR CARES (Taylors of Soham Ltd) D Leslie 8-11 J Williams — —
55 (25) 0 TRICKLE (S Johnston) W Haigh 8-11 — — —
56 (7) WILLOWTREE GIRL (T Morton) R Whitaker 8-11 D McKeown — —

1985: KINGS TOUCH 9-0 G Baxter (15-2) P Makin 23 ran

1.45 BRASS CASTLE SELLING HANDICAP (£1,022: 1m 2f) (15 runners)

2 (13) *330010 MISS APEX (V) (R Griffiths) F Yardley 4-9-7* J Williams 92 11-2
5 (1) 000400 CHEVET LADY (D) (D Gibbons) R Whitaker 3-9-4 D McKeown 90 10-1
7 (7) 0-00400 GEM MART (B) (J White) C Holmes 4-9-3 G Baxter 94 —
8 (5) 020000 CHARMING VIEW (Mrs A Jones) H Jones 4-9-1 W Ryan 94 —
10 (4) 400100 MR MUSIC MAN (D) (Mrs C Reavey) Mrs C Reavey 12-8-12 N Day 92 —
12 (12) 000020 PATRICK'S STAR (J Fitzgerald) Jimmy Fitzgerald 3-8-11 A Murray 94 9-2
13 (3) 000040/ REMAINDER GIRL (R Juckes) R Juckes 5-8-11 J Hills (5) — —
14 (15) 3/000-44 HALF SHAFT (W A Stephenson) W A Stephenson 5-8-10 M Birch 93 F7-2
15 (6) 440-000 POLYNOR (M Ryan) M Ryan 5-8-10 G Bardwell (7) 90 8-1
16 (9) 021000 LARNEM (R Cartwright) T Fairhurst 3-89 P Robinson 87 —
18 (8) 000004 FILL ABUMPER (Miss R Jeffreys) R Hollinshead 4-8-6 R Lappin (7) 87 —
19 (10) 004104 MY DERYA (B) (Mrs H Akyuz) B McMahon 3-8-6 K Darley 93 4-1
20 (11) 0-30030 SMART MAN (F Yardley) F Yardley 7-8-5 B Thomson 91 6-1
22 (14) 000000 GLENDERRY (B) (Mrs A Jones) H Jones 4-8-1 W Carson ●99 —
23 (2) 0-30000 RES NON VERBA (B) (Mrs M Baldwin) Miss L Siddall 3-8-1 S Webster 93 —

1985: RUSTIC TRACK 5-8-3 D Leadbitter (5-2) Denys Smith 14 ran

2.15 LINKS MAIDEN STAKES (Div I: £684: 1m 4f) ()

2 (4) 4- CHIEF JESTER (Mrs A Shennib) Denys Smith 6-9-0 L Charnock — 12-1
3 (3) 00000-0 CRAIGS VENTURE (Mrs E Rudge) E Carter 4-9-0 Wendy Carter (7) — —
5 (13) 004000 ICKWORTH (Lord Bristol) F Durr 4-9-0 E Guest (3) 78 —
6 (9) 000000 MINDER'S MAN (B) (D Russell) W Pearce 4-9-0 D Nicholls 65 —
12 (12) 00-0000 PARAVANE (D Incisa) D Incisa 4-8-11 M Beecroft — —
17 (2) 0-0043 HURRICANE HENRY (BF) (E St George) M W Easterby 3-8-8 M Birch 95 4-1
19 (15) 20 MEVAGISSEY (BF) (B Hanbury) B Hanbury 3-8-8 G Baxter ●99 F3-1
22 (14) 0000-0 RAFFLES ROGUE (B Rostron) M Camacho 3-8-8 G Sexton — —
26 (6) 000423 SOMETHING SIMILAR (A Mactaggart) Jimmy Fitzgerald 3-8-8 A Murray 84 —
29 (5) 030022 AIRCRAFTIE (H Kaskel) B Hills 3-8-5 B Thomson 90 8-1
33 (8) 00-004 FISSURE (J Rowles) J Leigh 3-8-5 S Morris 85 —
35 (11) 000 GOOD NATURED (Exors of J Coggan) R Johnson Houghton 3-8-5 K Darley 87 —
36 (10) 430230 INDIAN LOVE SONG (Mrs P Good) R Hollinshead 3-8-5 W Carson 91 13-2
42 (1) *0-0024 RARE LEGEND (M Sinclair) M Ryan 3-8-5* P Robinson 96 7-2
44 (7) 0 SIT ELNAAS (H Al-Maktoum) H Thomson Jones 3-8-5 P D'Arcy 89 —

1985: PRIMROSE VALLEY 3-8-5 T Ives (11-10 fav) J Dunlop 16 ran

2.45 PROVIDEO STAKES (2-Y-O: £1,769: 5f) (5 runners)

1 (4) 101121 CHILIBANG (D) (Mrs H Heinz) J Dunlop 9-5 W Carson ●99 F5-4
5 (3) 02342 BALKAN LEADER (A Budge Ltd) Jimmy Fitzgerald 8-11 A Murray 86 7-2
6 (1) 00 ICHI BAN SON (B Kilpatrick) A Smith 8-11 K Hodgson 76 33-1
10 (5) 002 SKI CAPTAIN (B) (J Etherington) J Etherington 8-11 M Wood 94 9-4
12 (2) 0 DOMINEERING (Capt M Lemos) C Brittain 8-8 W R Swinburn — 8-1

1985: HOMING ANGEL 9-0 A Shoults (5-2) J Hindley 5 ran

3.15 GANTON HANDICAP (£2,845: 7f) (23 runners)

1 (14) 112004 SIGNORE ODONE (B Shaw) M H Easterby 4-9-12 M Birch 92 8-1
9 (22) 0000-00 CHRISTMAS COTTAGE (B,D) (Mrs P Mason) A Robson 8-8-4 — — —
14 (1) 400 APPRILA (The Dowager Lady Beaverbrook) C Brittain 3-9-0 A Murray 98 14-1
16 (12) 030003 BELLA BANUS (C) (R Stephenson) W A Stephenson 4-8-13 M Hindley (3) 87 10-1
17 (7) *130102 HOPEFUL KATIE (D) (N Cawthorne) D Leslie 4-813* J Williams 95 8-1
18 (5) 020000 FESTIVITY (T Holland-Martin) D Arbuthnot 3-8-12 W R Swinburn 87 —
19 (2) 000020 SHARP SHOT (BF) (Windflower Overseas) J Dunlop 5-8-11 W Carson 96 F5-1
21 (6) 000000 MEL'S CHOICE (C,D) (M Brittain) M Brittain 8-8-9 K Darley 88 —
22 (3) 04040 LUCKY BLAKE (W Robson) C Thornton 3-8-8 NON-RUNNER — —
23 (19) 001000 THATCHERED (J Fry) J Berry 5-8-9 M Fry 93 —
25 (20) 011300 ZIO PEPPINO (CD) (Mrs C Lloyd-Jones) Mrs C Lloyd-Jones 5-8-6 — 94 10-1
26 (16) 0000 HUMBLE BEAUTY (A Sabin) A Jarvis 3-8-5 — — —
27 (4) 001044 HAYWAIN (V,D) (D Deer) B Hills 3-8-3 P Hill (7) 90 6-1
28 (8) 000400 AITCHANDOUBLEYOU (S Woodall) T Barron 3-8-3 — 91 —
31 (21) 300314 BROADHURST (B,C) (L Baker) J Etherington 3-8-2 S Webster ●99 6-1
32 (10) 020000 AFFAITATI (Don E Incisa) E Incisa 3-7-13 M Beecroft 95 —
33 (23) 000000 CLAWSON THORNS (Mrs V Coleman) Denys Smith 3-7-11 L Charnock 85 —
34 (17) 000020 BAXTERGATE (V) (Mrs J Payne) J Payne 3-7-11 G Bardwell (7) 90 —
37 (11) 000000 TOP O'TH'LANE (CD) (R Coulton) N Bycroft 9-7-9 P Robinson 92 —
41 (9) 0-01000 JUST THE TICKET (F May) C Booth 3-7-7 J Quinn (5) 92 —
44 (13) 400000 OFF YOUR MARK (A Duffield) G Calvert 6-7-7 P Burke (7) 83 —
45 (18) 000300 KING COLE (P Colquhoun) Mrs G Reveley 4-7-7 — 91 12-1
46 (15) 00/000 DRUMBARRA (G Gladstone) P Wigham 4-77 — — —

1985: NURAVIA 3-10-0 G Starkey (6-1 fav) G Harwood 26 ran

3.45 E B F MUNICIPAL STAKES (2-Y-O: 1m) (13 runners)

4 (2) 2301 MUBDI (H Al-Maktoum) H Thomson Jones 9-4 A Murray 93 F5-2
5 (6) 0 ANOTHER NONSENSE (B Haggas) M Prescott 8-11 C Nutter — —
6 (9) 04 ANUBI (Studcrown Ltd) L Cumani 8-11 W Carson ●99 3-1
8 (12) BARN FIVE SOUTH (A Balzarini) O Douieb 8-11 R Machado — 9-2
11 (13) 40 BOLD AS BOLD (Mrs R Shine) M Usher 8-11 M Wigham 80 6-1
23 (3) 00 GOLDEN GAME (P Carr) G Calvert 8-11 N Rodgers (7) — —
29 (4) 00 ONE TO NOTE (Mrs M O'Toole) C Tinkler 8-11 — 84 —
30 (8) 03 PRIMETTA PRINCE (P Lewis) W Pearce 8-11 D Nicholls 86 12-1
39 (1) HATSHEPSUT (B Kilpatrick) A Smith 8-8 K Hodgson — —
40 (11) 30002 IN A SPIN (R Hebb) M Brittain 8-8 K Darley 92 6-1
42 (10) MABUHAY (Mrs S Camacho) M Camacho 8-8 G Sexton — —
43 (5) 30 MISCHIEVOUS MISS (W Barker) Miss S Hall 8-8 M Birch 97 14-1
45 (7) WISCONSIN (G Reed) C Thornton 8-8 — — —

1985: IVYBRIDGE 9-7 G Starkey (8-15 fav) G Harwood 12 ran

4.10 LINKS MAIDEN STAKES (*Div II: £684: 1m 4f) (15)*)

7 (10) 00- OLEANDRIN (A Hall) Jimmy Fitzgerald 4-9-0 — — —
8 (8) 0 PRETTY AMAZING (T Glenanning) D Moffatt 5-9-0 J Quinn (5) — —
8 (12) 000000 RACING DEMON (P Lam) F Carr 4-9-0 J Carr (7) — —
11 (4) 00/002 SAGAX (G Rickman) Miss S Hall 4-9-0 M Birch 81 —
16 (15) 00 FIESTA DANCE (J Rowles) J Leigh 3-8-8 D Nicholls 70 —
18 (1) 2 LAKE ERIE (R Sangster) M Stoute 3-8-8 W R Swinburn ●99 F3-1
21 (14) 00 NO IDEA (Mrs V Moorey) M H Easterby 3-8-8 K Hodgson — —
24 (3) 0042 SNOW WIZARD (B) (S Niarchos) O Douieb 3-8-8 W Ryan 87 8-1
25 (67) 200233 SOLVENT (BF) (Mrs P Yong) M Jarvis 3-8-8 A Murray 85 —
27 (7) 3 TOUKSHAD (H H Aga Khan) R Johnson Houghton 3-8-8 K Darley — 4-1
32 (5) 3-00200 COOL GALES (Mrs E Vestey) G Pritchard-Gordon 3-8-5 Abigail Richards (7) 89 14-1
40 (9) 4-24 NINOTCHKA (BF) (Miss K Rausing) W Hern 3-8-5 W Carson 94 7-2
41 (2) 222040 NO DOUBLET (Sheikh Mohammed) B Hills 3-8-5 B Thomson 88 6-1
43 (13) 4 SAVE IT LASS (J Robson) R Hollinshead 3-8-5 R Lappin (7) — 12-1
47 (11) 40 SWEET DELILAH (T Ramsden) M Ryan 3-8-5 P Robinson 75 —

1985: PRIMROSE VALLEY 3-8-5 T Ives (11-10 fav) J Dunlop 15 ran

Course specialists

TRAINERS	Winners	Runners	Per Cent
L Cumani	14	35	40.0
M Stoute	19	51	37.3
J Dunlop	7	29	24.1
H T Jones	21	94	22.8
M Prescott	17	78	21.8
G P-Gordon	11	62	17 7

JOCKEYS	Winners	Rides	Per Cent
R Elliott	12	76	15.8
W Ryan	9	86	10 5
M Hindley	7	71	9.9
J Bleasdale	11	122	9.0

Only qualifiers

PLUMPTON

Selections

By Mandarin

1.45 My Myra. 2.15 Tarn. 2.45 Bluecher. 3.15 Castle Talbot. 3.45 I'm Somebody. 4.15 Little Katrina.

Going: good

1.45 DYKE SELLING HANDICAP HURDLE (£734: 2m) (11 runners)

3 0-P3 STEAMY (B,D) D Oughton 5-11-7 S Smith Eccles
4 3F3- MY MYRA (D) P Mitchell 4-11-7 R Dunwoody
5 0-40 EQUIPPED FOR DUTY (V) P Butler 4-11-3. S Sherwood
6 F40- VENETIAN PRINCESS A Moore 5-11-2 G Moore
7 000- CATMAN N Mitchell 5-11-1 B Powell
10 00-R RUSSELL FLYER (B) R Hoad 4-10-8 M Hoad (7)
11 3030 GREAT OWING A Davison 4-10-7 R Rowe
12 P30- SONG OF CHRISTIE A Dawson 4-10-7 R Pusey
13 00F3 FOREVER MO R Hoad 4-10-7 —
14 /040 YAZEED J Long 5-10-7 Leesa Long (7)
15 0-34 CAROLINE RANGER R Hodges 5-10-7 S Earle (4)

11-10 My Myra, 4-1 Steamy, 5-1 Equipped For Duty, 7-1 Forever Mo, 10-1 Song Of Christie, 12-1 others.

2.15 PLUMPTON HANDICAP CHASE (£2,386: 2m) (7)

1 00-2 TARN (D) N Gaselee 8-11-10 P Scudamore
2 4113 LAST FLIGHT (CD) J F-Hayes 11-11-4 Penny Ffitch Heyes (7)
3 04-1 BALLIMA (NZ)(CD) D Grissell 8-10-8 (5ex) R Goldstein
4 PF-0 CRESUN Mrs L Clay 7-10-2 J Lovejoy
5 F-00 GIOLLARETTA G Gracey 7-10-0 B Powell
6 2042 EUROLINK BOY (CD,BF) P Mitchell 7-10-0 S Sherwood
8 *U30P STRAIGHT LINE (D) N Wheeler 13-10-0* Mr N Wheeler

2-1 Tarn, 3-1 Ballima, 4-1 Fast Flight, 5-1 Eurolink Boy, 8-1 Cresun, 12-1 Giollaretta, 14-1 Straight Line.

2.45 HORSE AND HOUND CHALLENGE CUP HANDICAP HURDLE (Amateurs: £2,337: 2m) (20)

1 112- MASTER VINCE (D) M Tompkins 8-12-6 S Andrews (7)
3 -131 MR CARACTACUS (CD) G Gracey 5-11-5 Miss Z Davison (7)
4 010- ALLADO (CD) A Neaves 10-11-4 C Brooks (4)
5 323- LIR B Young 9-11-3 P MacEwan (7)
6 230- *GARDENERS CHOICE* D Browning 6-11-3 Miss G Armytage (4)
7 U02U FOOT STICK G Balding 10-11-2 J Geake (7)
8 400- HAWSER (D) M Madgwick 4-11-0 D Madgwick (7)
9 44-2 BLUECHER (CD) D Grissell 5-11-0 Mrs D Grissell (4)
10 314- UPHAM GAMBLE (D) D Gandolfo 5-10-13 T Thomson Jones
11 1244 SWINGLETREE R Champion 10-10-12 M Curson (7)
12 P14- NORTHERN HOPE G Kindersley 4-10-12 S Cowley (7)
13 040- BONFIRE (V,CD) P Hedger 5-10-9 T Mitchell (7)
14 0-02 THE DIPLOMAT (D) W Kemp 8-10-7 G Upton (7)
15 004- THE ENID (CD) S Dow 6-10-7 Miss B Sanders
17 F0-P DOUBLE SWING J Harriman 5-10-7 C J Harriman (7)
19 211- MISS MAINA (D) J F-Hayes 5-10-7 T Grantham (4)
20 010- TIMSAH (D) A Moore 6-10-7 D Baker (7)
24 000- DIMENSION Mrs N Smith 4-10-7 M Bradstock (7)
25 FF-0 HIYA JUDGE (D) G Ripley 8-10-7 A Kelleway (7)
26 0/0- MY BUCK J Long 14-10-7 P Clarke (7)

3-1 Bluecher, 7-2 Mr Caractacus, 5-1 Upham Gamble, 6-1 Foot Stick, 8-1 Swingletree, 10-1 The Diplomat, 12-1 others.

3.15 BET WITH THE TOTE NOVICE CHASE (£1,529: 3m 1f) (10)

1 -132 CASTLE TALBOT (C) J Long 9-11-10 R Goldstein
2 0343 ABEROY R Champion 7-11-5 S Smith Eccles
3 P2! BOOK OF BROVERBS P Hedger 8-11-5 Mr S Andrews
4 P/FF CASTILORE LAD J Long 6-11-5 R Rowell
5 P0/F CLEAR MAGIC A Moore 6-11-5 G Moore
6 00/4 COMMANDER CHRISTY H O'Neill 10-11-5 R Dunwoody
7 -223 HOPEFUL KYBO J Gifford 6-11-5 R Rowe
9 F PERFECT SOLUTION P Haynes 6-11-5 A Webb
11 30U3 SQUARE-RIGGED (V) P Butler 9-11-5 S Sherwood
13 FP AS YOU LIKE IT B Wise 5-11-4 NON-RUNNER

2-1 Hopeful Kybo, 11-4 Castle Talbot, 4-1 Aberoy, 13-2 Commander Christy, 10-1 Square-Rigged, 12-1 others

3.45 E B F NOVICE HURDLE QUALIFIER (£1,042: 2m) (10)

3 0P-0 TRUE PROPHET P Haynes 5-11-0 A Webb
4 440- BROAD WOOD R Hodges 4-10-13 N Davies
5 P20- I'M SOMEBODY R Hodges 4-10-13 B Powell
7 MANASSAS P Harris 4-10-13 R Strange
8 ONE OF THE LADS P Mitchell 4-10-13 R Dunwoody
9 00P- OUR NOBBY M Madgwick 4-10-13 A Madgwick
10 00- WHOEVER D Barons 4-10-13 P Nicholls
11 00 PEACEFUL WATERS W Kemp 6-10-8 S Shilston
12 0FP- TRUE POETRY D Underwood 5-10-9 L Harvey (7)
14 WILD SAP N Lee-Judson 4-10-8 M Kinane

4-6 I'm Somebody, 5-1 One of The Lads, 13-2 Whoever, 8-1 Manassass, 9-1 Broad Water, 14-1 others.

4.15 NEWICK NOVICE HURDLE (£685: 2m 4f) (17)

2 0-P0 BOYNE (B) P Upson 6-11-0 J Akehurst
3 00-2 CAMELLA'S CHOICE S Mellor 5-11-0 Mr T Mitchell (7)
5 FF33 CHESTERFIELD R Curtis 8-11-0 R Goldstein
6 000/ FADING DAWN P Butler 9-11-0 G Moore
9 P0-0 HAYASHI G Gracey 5-11-0 S Sherwood
10 4-04 HENNESSY HOUSE G Ripley 9-11-0 Mr A Kelleway (7)
11 400- HOWAREYOUGOING P Haynes 7-11-0 A Webb
12 4 JEAN PROSPER M Wilkinson 7-11-0 R Dunwoody
13 2144 LITTLE KATRINA W Kemp 5-11-0 S Shilston
14 0/0- SHINER'S PAL (V) Mrs D Waring 5-11-0 J Robson (7)
15 /42- STINGO A Moore 7-11-0 Candy Moore (7)
16 P/ STOLEN BOY (B) J Parfitt 7-11-0 R Pusey
17 0U0- SUPER ENERGY J Gifford 5-11-0 R Rowe
21 0-30 SPEEDY BOY (BF) G Enright 4-10-13 M Perrett
22 00-P VIRGINIA PAGEANT F Grey 4-10-13 E Murphy
25 -000 HALF TIDY W Kemp 8-10-9 R J Beggan
26 MEET A SWEETIE W Kemp 9-10-9 Mr J O'Brien

5-2 Little Katrina, 11-4 Camella's Choice, 5-1 Super Energy, 13-2 Stingo, 8-1 Speedy Boy, 10-1 others

Course specialists

TRAINERS: S Mellor, 11 winners from 38 runners, 28.9%; D Oughton, 15 from 74, 20.3%; P Mitchell, 11 from 55, 20.0%; D Grissell, 14 from 72, 19.4%; J Gifford, 22 from 123, 17.9%; A Moore, 25 from 243, 10.3%.

JOCKEYS: S Smith Eccles, 16 winners from 66 rides, 24.2%; M Perrett, 18 from 105, 17.1%; R Rowe, 24 from 143, 16.8%; J Lovejoy, 11 from 66, 16.7%; H Davies, 7 from 49, 14.3%; R Dunwoody, 10 from 80, 12.5%.

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FOOTBALL: LIFE GETS HARDER FOR FOUR FAMOUS CLUBS

Burnley away to in-form giant killers Telford

By Paul Newman

Four famous clubs which have fallen on hard times yesterday received the sort of news they could do without. As if coping with life in the fourth division was not testing enough, Burnley, Cardiff City, Swansea City and Wolverhampton Wanderers were all given difficult ties away to non-League opposition in the draw for next month's first round of the FA Cup.

Burnley drew the shortest straw in the form of a trip to Telford United, who have knocked out nine League sides in the last four years. Telford have recently hit top form in the GM Vauxhall Conference – they beat Altrincham 4-0 on Saturday – whereas Burnley are eighth from bottom of the fourth division, having won only once away from home.

Stan Storton, Telford's manager, said: "I'm delighted that it's a home draw because we've been drawn away a lot over the years. The fact that it's a famous club like Burnley with all their great Cup tradition means I shouldn't have to do much to motivate my team."

Cardiff's draw away to Ton Pentre is one of several local derbys between non-League sides and more famous neighbours. Ton Pentre are through to the first round for the first time in their history and Paul Willoughby, the Rhondda valley club's secretary, said: "The oval ball tends to be more popular around here, but we've had quite a bit of success lately and people are starting to take notice".

Ton Pentre have hosted amateur internationals but they may be forced to ask Cardiff to stage the tie. The fourth division club have a notorious hooligan element among their followers and local police resources are likely to be stretched on November 15 by the visit of the Cardiff rugby club to nearby Treorchy in the Schweppes Welsh Cup.

Chorley, drawn at home to Wolves, may also switch their venue. The Multipart League club has a well appointed ground with a capacity of 9,000, but part of it is closed for repairs and segregation of visiting supporters could be a problem.

Wealdstone, of the GM Vauxhall Conference, expects no problems staging their tie against Swansea, but Farnborough Town and Woodford Town are likely to have to sacrifice home advantage against Swindon Town and Orient respectively.

Farnborough, formed only 19 years ago, have reached the first round four years in a row and Swindon, managed by Lou Macari, will provide their stiffest test yet. "We may have to board up the goal," Ted Pearce, the Vauxhall Opel League club's manager, said. "Swindon are a very good attacking side and it will be the greatest day in our history."

Woodford are probably the most unlikely side left in the competition. They lie near the bottom of the Southern League southern division and have never reached this stage of the Cup before. In Saturday's fourth qualifying round they won 3-1 away to King's Lynn despite having their goalkeeper sent off after eight minutes.

First round draw

Aldershot v Torquay
Bath v Aylesbury
Bishop's Stortford v Colchester
Bournemouth v Trowbridge or Farnham
Bristol City v VS Rugby
Bristol Rovers v Brentford
Bromsgrove Rovers v Newport County
Caernarfon Town v Stockport
Chester v Rotherham
Chorley v Wolverhampton Wanderers
Darlington v Mansfield
Dartford v Enfield or Bury Town
Exeter v Cambridge United
Farnborough Town v Swindon
Frickley Athletic v Altrincham
Halifax v Bolton
Hereford v Fulham
Kettering v Gillingham
Middlesbrough v Blackpool
Northampton v Peterborough
Notts County v Carlisle
Nuneaton Borough v Rochdale
Port Vale v Stafford Rangers
Preston v Bury
Runcorn v Boston United
Scunthorpe v Southport
Slough or Dover v Bognor Regis
Southend v Halesowen Town or Oldbury United
Spennymoor v Tranmere
Telford v Burnley
Ton Pentre v Cardiff
Walsall v Chesterfield
Wealdstone v Swansea
Welling United v Southwick or Maidstone
Whitby Town v Doncaster
Wigan v Lincoln
Woking v Chelmsford
Woodford v Orient
Wrexham v Hartlepool
York City v Crewe Alexandra

● *FA to decide dates for matches at Bath and Bristol Rovers, who both play at Twerton Park.*
Matches to be played on November 15

Bromsgrove Rovers, managed by the former West Bromwich Albion midfield player, Bobby Hope, meet police officials today to discuss staging their tie against Newport County, while Bath City and Bristol Rovers, who share Bath's ground, will be told by the Football Association when to play their matches against Aylesbury and Brentford respectively.

Altrincham and Frickley Athletic, who both knocked out League opposition last year, face each other, but several more non-league clubs have been given giant-killing chances at home, including Bishop's Stortford (against Colchester United), Caernarfon Town (Stockport county), Kettering town (Gillingham), Nuneaton borough (Rochdale), Spennymoor United (Tranmere Rovers) and Whitby Town (Doncaster).

The best attendance of the round is likely to be at Middlesbrough, who face their third division promotion rivals, Blackpool. A crowd of more than 11,000 saw Blackpool win 3-1 at Ayresome Park in the league earlier this month.

Man for the crisis

Reading, of the second division, have signed a new physiotherapist to deal with the club's injury situation. John Haselden, who was Huddersfield's assistant manager, coach and physiotherapist until July, replaces Glenn Hunter. Haselden played in the same Doncaster defence as the Reading manager, Ian Branfoot, in the early seventies.



Man of the moment: Maradona brought Napoli their first win at Roma for 10 years

Maradona inspires

Rome (Agencies) — Diego Maradona, who had been suffering from ankle injury all week, scored the only goal of the game at Roma on Sunday to move his club, Napoli, up alongside the champions, Juventus at the top of the Italian league.

Sunday's victory was Napoli's first in 10 years in Rome. Maradona scored 45 seconds into the second half with a typically inventive piece of finishing: it was his fourth goal of the season. Over 60,000 people saw AC Milan beat lowly Brescia 2-0 at home, the second goal coming from a precise header by Virdis, who looks like becoming a permanent member of Milan's forward line. That would mean that Milan's England international, Mark Hateley, could be in for a prolonged period on the bench.

AUSTRIAN LEAGUE: Vienna 3, VOEST Linz 1; Admira Wacker 3, Wiener Sportclub 0; LASK 1, Austria Vienna 2; GAK 4, SC Eisenstadt 2; Rapid Vienna 3, Sturm Graz 1; Austria Klagenfurt 1, FC Tyrol 1. **Leading positions:** 1, Austria Vienna, 27pts; 2, Rapid Vienna, 25; 3, FC Tyrol, 22.

BELGIAN LEAGUE: Lokeren 2, La Gantoise 1; Racing Jet 1, Beveren 1; Malines 0, Anderlecht 1; Waregem 1, Cercle Bruges 2; Antwerp 0, FC Liège 2; Charleroi 1, Courtrai 0; FC Bruges 3, Seraing 1; Beerschot 0, Berchem 0; Standard Liège 3, RWD Molenbeek 0. **Leading positions:** 1, FC Bruges, 16pts; 2, Anderlecht, 15; 3, Standard Liège, 14.

BULGARIAN LEAGUE: Sredets 4, Spartak Varna 0; Dimitrovgrad 3, *Lokomotiv Sofia 2; Spartak Pleven 0, Pirin 1;* Etur 4, Lokomotiv Plovdiv 3; Sliven 1, Chernomorets 0; Trakia 2, Slavia 0; Vitosha 3, Akademik 0; Vratsa 3, Beroe 0. **Leading positions:** 1, Vitosha, 17pts; 2, Sredets, 16; 3, Slavia, 15.

CZECHOSLOVAKIAN LEAGUE: Bohemians Prague 1, Sparta Prague 0; Plastika Nitra 5, RH Cheb 1; Dukla Banska Bystrica 0, Tatran Presov 1; TJ Vitkovice 2, Dynamo Ceske Budejovice 0; Sigma Olomouc 2, DAC Dunajska Streda 3; Spartak Trnava 3, ZVL Zilina 1; Skoda Plzen 1, Slavia Prague 0; Dukla Prague 2, Banik Ostrava 4. **Leading positions:** 1, Sparta Prague, 16 pts; 2, Bohemians Prague, 14; 3, Banik Ostrava, 13.

DUTCH LEAGUE: AZ '67 Alkmaar 1, Ajax 6; FC Utrecht 4, Fortuna Sittard 1; Feyenoord 3, SC Veendam 2; FC Den Bosch 0, Go Ahead Eagles 1; PEC Zwolle 1, Sparta Rotterdam 1; FC Twente Enschede 0, PSV Eindhoven 3; FC Groningen 6, Excelsior 0; Roda JC Kerkrade 0, Den Haag 0; VVV Venlo 3, FC Haarlem 1. **Leading positions:** 1, Ajax 20 pts; 2, PSV Eindhoven, 20; 3, Feyenoord 18.

FRENCH LEAGUE: Lille 1, St Etienne 0; Nice 2, Auxerre 0; Nantes 1, Laval 1; Rennes 0, Toulouse 0; Bordeaux 1, Monaco 1; Sochaux 0, *Paris St Germain 1;* Le Havre 1, Marseille 3; Nancy 1, Lens 1; Racing Paris 1, Metz 1; Toulon 2, Brest 3. **Leading positions:** 1, Bordeaux, 21pts; 2, Marseille, 20; 3, Paris St Germain 18.

ITALIAN LEAGUE: Ascoli 0, Como 0; Atalanta of Bergamo 0, Torino 2; Avellino 1, Udinese 1; Fiorentina 0, Verona 1; *Juventus of Turin 1,* Internazionale of Milan 1; Milan 2, Brescia 0; Roma 0, Napoli 1; Sampdoria of Genoa 3, Empoli 0. **Leading positions:** 1, Juventus, 11pts; 2, Napoli 11; 3, Internazionale, 9.

GREEK LEAGUE: Apollon 1, OFI 1; Aris 1, AEK 3; Verria 1, Doxa 0; Diagoras 3, Yannina 0; Iraklis 4, Ethnikos 3; Larissa 2, PAOK 1; Olympiakos 2, Kalamaria 0; Panionios 0, Panathinaikos 0. **Leading positions:** 1, PAOK, 9pts; 2, OFI, 9; 3, Iraklis 9.

POLISH LEAGUE: LKS Lodz 0, Lech Poznan 0; Gornik Zabrze 4, Widzew Lodz 0; Olimpia Poznan 2, Slask Wroclaw 1; Zaglebie Lubin 1, Pogon Szczecin 1; Gornik Walbrzych 2, Stal Mielec 1; *Legia Warsaw 1,* Motor Lublin 0; Polonia Bytom 0, Ruch Chorzow 0; GKS Katowice 1, Lechia Gdansk 0. **Leading positions:** 1, Gornik Zabrze, 20pts; 2, GKS Katowice, 17; Legia Warsaw, 16.

PORTUGUESE LEAGUE: There were no *first division played because of Portugal's* European Championship Group Two qualifying tie against Switzerland tomorrow.

ROMANIAN LEAGUE: FC Arges Pitesti 4, Gloria Buzau 0; Otelul Galati 9 Rapid Bucharest 0; Flacara Moreni 1, Jiul Petrosani 0; Chimia Rimnicu Vilcea 3, Universitatea Cluj-Napoca 1; Corvinul Hunedoara 4, FCM Brasov 0; Victoria Bucharest 5, SC Bacau 2; Petrolul Ploiesti 0, FC Olt 0. **Postponed:** Steaua Bucharest v Dynamo Bucharest; Universitatea Craiova v Sportul Studentesc. **Leading positions:** 1, Steaua Bucharest, 17 pts; 2, Dynamo Bucharest, FC Arges Pitesti and FC Olt, 13.

SPANISH LEAGUE: *Sevilla 3, Athletic* Bilbao 1; Sabadell 1, Real Valladolid 0; Cadiz 0, Real Madrid 0; Real Mallorca 1, Espanol 1; Racing 1, Real Murcia 1; Barcelona 4, Las Palmas 0; Osasuna 0, Sporting 2; Real Sociedad 1, Real Zaragoza 0; Atlético Madrid 1, Real Betis 1. **Leading positions:** 1, Barcelona, 18pts; 2, Real Madrid 15; 3, Atlético Madrid, 14.

SWISS LEAGUE: Aarau 2, Lausanne 0; Basle 1, Young Boys Berne 0; La Chaux-de-Fonds 0, Servette Geneva 4; Grasshoppers Zurich 1, Bellinzona 1; Locarno 1, FC Zurich 1; Lucerne 2, Neuchatel Xamax 1; St. Gallen 0, Sion 4; Vevey 2, Wettingen 1. **Leading positions:** 1, Grasshoppers, 19 pts; 2, Neuchatel Xamax, 18; 3, Sion, 17.

WEST GERMAN LEAGUE: Cup: Second round: FC Homburg 1, Bayern Munich 3; Cologne 2, Waldhof Mannheim 0; Guetersloh 0, Blau-Weiss Berlin 5; Cologne 3, Waldhof Mannheim 1; Bayer Uerdingen 3, Nuremberg 2; Fortuna Düsseldorf 2, Bayer Leverkusen 1; Mainz 0, Eintracht Frankfurt 1; Borussia Mönchengladbach 6, Borussia Dortmund 1.

Everton may lose Mimms

By Clive White

Bobby Mimms, the excellent young Everton goalkeeper dropped last Saturday upon Neville Southall's return to health, asked for a transfer yesterday on the eve of the club's Littlewoods Cup third-round tie against Sheffield Wednesday at Goodison Park.

In declaring his preference for Southall, Howard Kendall, the manager, said that Mimms, aged 23, was one of the best goalkeepers in the First Division. The former Rotherham United player means to find out if other managers share that view. For tonight's game Everton hope to recall Sheedy, while Wednesday have Megson and Shelton doubtful because of a virus, Gregory injured and Jonsson absent on international duty.

George Graham, the Arsenal manager who almost succeeded in selling Hayes to Huddersfield Town for £25,000 last month, now has no intention of releasing the young winger. "People could have had him cheap a month ago, but not now," said Graham. Hayes lines up in an unchanged side against Manchester City. City will be without Grealish, who has pulled a hamstring, and Brightwell takes over.

Arsenal's victims at the weekend, Chelsea, travel to Cardiff City where the police will be mounting a special operation to deal with the London club's supporters. John Hollins, the Chelsea manager, has added Isaacs, Dublin and the untried Wegerly, whom they bought from Tampa Bay Rowdies.

Charlton, aiming for their sixth successive victory at home to Queen's Park Rangers, will be without Walsh for three weeks who is out with strained knee ligaments.

Robson in spying mission on Yugoslavs

From Stuart Jones, Split

Bobby Robson yesterday embarked on a spying mission. Rather than continuing to study the form of his domestic representatives in this week's Littlewoods Cup ties, England's manager has chosen to examine seemingly the only barrier that stands between his side and the finals of the European championships.

He has flown here to the seaside resort on the Adriatic coast to watch the unveiling of Yugoslavia's challenge in Group Four. England began theirs two weeks ago with a 3-0 victory over Northern Ireland, a team that is being rebuilt for a future that lies realistically beyond 1988.

Turkey, the other contenders in the group, are Yugoslavia's opponents tomorrow. Even though it has been reported that they have improved recently, they can be dismissed as a genuine threat. During the qualifying stages of the last World Cup, they were humiliated 8-0 at home by England and were overwhelmed 5-0 away.

Robson is convinced that the fixtures against Yugoslavia, at Wembley in a fortnight and here at the end of next year, will be decisive. Within 36 hours he will see for himself their strength and weaknesses, although he is aware that their performance may be misleading.

Yugoslavia, for a start, are clearly unlikely to employ the same tactics or use even the same line-up against Turkey and England. In their first game, the emphasis will be on scoring as many goals as possible; in their second, they will concentrate on conceding as few as possible.

The Yugoslavs have become models of inconsistency. In successive matches during their successful attempt to reach the European championship finals of 1984, for instance, they lurched through a typically wild sequence of results. They lost in Norway, won in Bulgaria and then drew 4-4 at home to Wales.

Invariably gifted and usually tactically sound, they occasionally suffer from a mental weakness, a characteristic that also afflicts their neighbours to the north, the Hungarians. Once they had reached the last eight in 1984, for instance, they crumbled and went down to the Belgians, the Danes and the French – the hosts and eventual winners.

Since the Yugoslavs are notoriously guarded and secretive, Robson will perhaps be permitted to catch only a glimpse through the Iron Curtain. Yet the journey here is sure to be valuable. Had he not travelled, the squad that he selects next Monday would have been sent out against the unknown.

Cooper warned over insults

The former England defender, Terry Cooper, has been warned as to his future conduct by an FA disciplinary commission following "insulting and improper behaviour" to the Oxford referee, Dennis Hedges, at the end of the game between Bournemouth and Bristol City earlier this month.

Cooper, City's player-manager, had pleaded guilty to the charge but was ordered to make a personal appearance at the Football Association's London headquarters yesterday. "In all my years playing for England this is the first time I have ever been to the headquarters, and it had to be for something like this," Cooper said.

●Alkmaar (Reuter) — AZ '67 Alkmaar, bottom of the Dutch first division, have signed the English midfield Joe Jakub from the third division side Bury for an undisclosed fee.

HOCKEY

England offer can bolster Britain

By Sydney Friskin

England are one of eight teams the International Hockey Federation have invited to play in the round-robin Champions' Trophy tournament in Amsterdam next June 18 – 28.

The others are the Netherlands, as host country, Pakistan, the Olympic champions, and the first six from the recent World Cup in London – Australia, England, West Germany, the Soviet Union, Spain and Argentina. The FIH have noted that England have offered their place to Great Britain as the tournament is a qualifer for the 1988 Olympic Games in Seoul.

Arrangements are also in hand for a women's Champions' Trophy tournament, to be held in conjunction with the men's event, and Australia, Argentina, Canada, Great Britain, the Netherlands and New Zealand have already accepted invitations. The organization of the women's junior World Cup tournament for 1989 has been offered to Canada.

There will be only six teams for the men's Champions' Trophy tournament in Lahore in November, 1988, after the Olympic Games – Pakistan, the host country, the new Olympic champions, the world champions (Australia), the previous Champions' Trophy winners and two other teams to be selected on the basis of results in two international tournaments immediately preceding the Champions' Trophy.

Officials and players of the Cuban and Mexican teams have been suspended indefinitely after incidents in the Central American and Caribbean Games match in Mexico City

Hobley's happy knack

By Joyce Whitehead

The hectic national women's county championship of 158 matches before the finals at Picketts Lock, Edmonton on December 13-14 started last weekend.

In the South at Crystal Palace, Surrey (McMaster) and Hampshire (Wheatley) drew 1-1 *through second half goals, but at* Bisham Abbey, Buckinghamshire and Berkshire had easy wins. Deverson and Hobley (2) scored for Berkshire without reply from Sussex. Miss Hobley, a renowned goal-scorer, has joined Berkshire this season from Buckinghamshire, but without her Quester, Bacon and Horner all scored for Buckinghamshire to beat Oxfordshire 3-0.

In the Midlands, Bedfordshire *benefitted from the acquisition* of Harding (former Middlesex, South and England) and she scored in both their matches. Owen, formerly of Warwickshire, added two goals and Tyler the fourth to beat Shropshire 4-0 and Tyler and Harding were again on target against Nottinghamshire.

Leicestershire beat Worcestershire 3-1 *with three quite* different goals, Lobb from a penalty corner, Rule finishing off Gordon and Manley's approach work and Grimley netting a penalty stroke. Warwickshire had two wins and five of their team scored in beating Staffordshire 1-0 and Derbyshire 4-1 with Sixsmith leading the way with two goals. Northamptonshire also beat Derbyshire 2-0 with goals from Jackson and Starcevic, but lost *to Staffordshire as Melonchip* scored a penalty goal.

ICE HOCKEY

Wasps' sting missing

By Norman de Mesquita

A change of coach or manager can often work wonders. But for Durham Wasps, for whom Hep Tindale, the former defenceman, took over from Peter Johnson, there was no such transformation. They did beat Dundee Rockets on Saturday by the odd goal in 11, but on Sunday, they were beaten by the odd goal in 21 at Whitley Bay – Warriors' first win over the Wasps in 22 Heineken League attempts. One consolation for the Wasps was the contribution made by their newcomers, *Mike Kosturik and* Fran Matechuck, who combined for 11 goals in the two weekend games.

Dundee Rockets also introduced some new blood. Having failed to convince New York Rangers that they should sign Mark Pavelich, they turned in the opposite direction and have acquired Jaroslav Lycka, a former Czechoslovakian international. He had five goals and three assists in Rockets' 8-5 win over Solihull Barons. Although the Barons lost both games on their first Scottish excursion, they were, at least, respectable defeats and they held the all-conquering *Fife Flyers* to 5-3 and prevented Al Sims from scoring a goal for the first time this season.

Nottingham Panthers and Whitley Warriors could soon be fed up with the sight of each other. Having met in Nottingham on Saturday, where the Panthers scored a 9-6 win, they face each other on Thursday and again next Tuesday in their two-legged English final of the Norwich Union Cup.

HEINEKEN LEAGUE: Premier division: Cleveland Bombers 7, Murrayfield Racers 13; Durham Wasps 6, Dundee Rockets 5; Fife Flyers 5, Solihull Barons 3; Nottingham Panthers 9, Whitley Warriors 6; Murrayfield Racers 14, Ayr Bruins 3; Streatham Redskins 10, Cleveland Bombers 6; Whitley Warriors 11, Durham Wasps 10. **First division:** Medway Bears 10, Peterborough Pirates 11; Slough Jets 3, Telford Tigers 11; Sunderland Chiefs 2, Southampton Vikings 12; Swindon Wildcats 7, Glasgow Eagles 7; Bournemouth Stags 8, Oxford City Stars 8; Kirkcaldy Kestrels 6, Southampton Vikings 2; Lee Valley Lions *3, Telford Tigers 10; Peterborough Pirates* 18, Swindon Wildcats 6; Richmond Flyers 8, Glasgow Eagles 10.

FENCING

Title for Calderhead

David Calderhead, from York, won the British Youth Epée Championships over the weekend at the de Beaumont Centre in London, by beating Niall Anderson, Edinburgh, 10-4 in a swift and sure final. Both competitors, in their last year of under-20 fencing, had looked the strongest all through, despite Anderson having come close to elimination at the last 16 stage when he drew Andrew Hall, Brentwood School, to 12-all. Hall, along with the young Meadowbank fencers Danny McKearnan and Todd Lindsay, looked the most promising for next year's title challenge.

RESULTS: 1, D Calderhead (York); 2, N. Anderson (Edinburgh Univ); 3, D. Borsuk (Salle Boston). **Leon Paul Under-14s foil** (Sedgewick Leisure Centre, London): **Boys:** 1, J-P Pine (London); 2, F Dejehand (Wolverstone Hall); 3, N Michelmore (Brentwood School). **Girls:** 1, K Jones (Eton); 2, C Newstead (Ipswich); 3, M Powell (Essex).

Yesterday's results from four meetings

Lingfield Park

Going: heavy

11.30 (7f) 1, IRISH SAILOR (J Reid, 7-2 fav); 2, **Ruling Dynasty** (A Clark, 4-1); 3, **Magnolia Express** (W Ryan, 33-1). ALSO RAN: 4 High Climber, 13-2 Line of Succession, 11 Brigadier Thwaites, 12 Snowsdown (6th), 14 Sahood, 16 September Snap (5th), 25 Lullaby Blaby, 33 Netzer, Wiliam Pere, Crest of Glory, Goodnight Master (4th), Minobee. 15 ran. 4l, ½l, 6l, 2l, ½l. Pat Mitchell at Polegate. Tote: £2.10; £1.40, £2.40, £5.20. DF: £8.70. CSF: £16.54. 1m 29.28s.

12.0 (7f) 1, BRACORINA (W Carson, 5-4 fav); 2, **Pondered Bid** (W Ryan, 11-2); 3, **English River** (M A Giles, 14-1). ALSO RAN: 11-2 Kikuyu (6th), 10 Birwaz (5th), 14 Convincing, 16 Kash Juwain, 20 Hubbe, 25 Caballine (4th), 33 Balquhidder Boy, Marcovich, Say You, Segovian, Flying Chapeau. 14 ran. NR: Chantry Boy. 3l, 3l, 2½l, 1l, 2l. J Dunlop at Arundel. Tote: £2.00; £1.10, £1.70, £4.60. DF: £3.50. CSF: £8.70. 1m 28.55s.

12.30 (7f) 1, DUNENNY (A Clark, 13-8 fav); 2, **Fourth Lad** (B Rouse, 10-1); 3, **Dynamic Star** (A McGlone, 25-1). ALSO RAN: 11-2 Running Steps (6th), 8 Sutosky (4th), 10 Tap On Blue, Charlie Me Darling, 14 Eagle's Nest, 20 Balholm Express, 25 Al Ludner, Feasible (5th), Jane Marple, Lady Slica Key, Viens Vite. 33 Lord Kilgayle, Clare's Buck, Rectory Girl. 17 ran. sh hd, hd, 5l, 2l, hd. R Akehurst at Epsom. Tote: £2.30; £1.70, £1.90, £11.60. DF: £9.70. CSF: £20.58. 1m 28.40s.

1.0 (7f) 1, LYPHENTO (A Clark, 100-30); 2, **Exceller's Special** (R Machado, 10-1); 3, **Thornfield** (N Adams, 25-1). ALSO RAN: 11-4 fav Mainmast, 9-2 Durbo (5th), 5 Degenerate, 10 Cross Kriss, 12 Gods Lil Lisa, 16 For The Crack (6th), 20 Borreto, Far Too Rich (4th), 25 Arquati Redwood, 33 Meldon Hill, Nautical Belle, Nakbo Lass, Never Been Chaste. 16 ran. 1½l, 2½l, 7l, 4l, 4l. G Harwood at Pulborough. Tote: £5.50; £1.90, £3.80, £4.20. DF: £40.60. CSF: £40.46. 1m 27.96s.

1.30 (7f) 1, TILTING COURT (B Rouse, 9-1); 2, **Castle In The Air** (W Carson, 9-4 fav); 3, **Royal Rob** (A Clark, 7-2). ALSO RAN: 3 Fearless Man, 10 Minstrel Singer (4th), 16 Dawn Romp (6th), Sylvan Orient (5th), 20 Pollen Bay, 33 Al Waenta, Festive Occasion, Spring Forward, Technocrat, Red Sky At Night, Tulla Water. 14 ran. 2½l, ¾l, 2½l, 3l, 1½l. Lady Harries at Littlehampton. Tote: £8.30; £1.20, £1.40, £1.50. DF: £12.10. CSF: £29.23. 1m 29.07s.

2.0 (7f) 1, KASTAMOUN (J Reid, 6-1); 2, **Splash On** (W R Swinburn, 2-1 fav); 3, **Bel Byou** (P Waldron, 4-1). ALSO RAN: 9-2 Figini (4th), 10 Castle Tryst, 14 Ramberge, 20 Endless Gossip, Al-Torfanan, Lady Homily, Miss Penguin (5th), Tabeline (6th), 33 Don't Yer Know, Kelly's Comet, Profit A Prendre, String Concert, Wind And Wave. 16 ran. 4l, ¾l, nk, 12l, 1l. R Houghton at Didcot. Tote: £5.90; £1.50, £1.70, £1.60. DF: £7.60. CSF: £19.34. 1m 28.39s.

2.30 (7f 140yd) 1, BOCATOWER (A Clark, 6-4 fav); 2, **Nonsuch Palace** (P Cook, 20-1); 3, **Shirbalis** (Paul Eddery, 25-1). ALSO RAN: 5-2 Sergeyevich (5th), 11-2 Cammanno (4th), 8 Jonila, Trapdoor, 10 Secoot, 25 Gerunny, Samhill, Madam Tritby, White Minstrel, 33 Grunidad, Little Realm, Bamar Lad, Brandy Bottle (6th). 16 ran. 1l, 4l, nk, 8l, 1l. G Harwood at Pulborough. Tote: £2.60; £1.50, £2.60, £6.40. DF: £21.40. CSF: £38.45. 1m 38.15s.

3.0 (6f) 1, DORKING LAD (Pat Eddery, 11-2 jt-fav); 2, **Music Review** (R Fox, 14-1); 3, **Loft Boy** (P Cook, 12-1); 4, **Steel Cygnet** (J Reid, 11-2 jt-fav). ALSO RAN: 8 April Fool, Cree Bay, Snap Decision, 9 Al Amead, John Patrick, 14 Crete Cargo, Ferryman (5th), 16 Downsview, Easy Day (6th), 20 Corncharm, Wykehamist, 25 Heart of Glass, Kimble Blue, Umbelata, Lady Windmill. 19 ran. NR: Corn Street. ¾l, 4l, ¾l, 2l, 1l. M Tompkins at Newmarket. Tote: £5.50; £1.60, £6.50, £5.50, £1.70. DF: £45.40. CSF: £84.92. Tricast: £845.24. 1m 14.63s.

3.30 (2m) 1, TIGERWOOD (N Adams, 9-2 fav); 2, **Reform Princess** (G Bardwell, 7-1); 3, **Colliste** (Paul Eddery, 16-1); 4, **Ballet Champ** (S Dawson, 6-1). ALSO RAN: 8 High Plains, 8 Ben's Birdie (6th), 10 Shinty Copper, 12 Southernair, My Charade, 14 Miss Blackthorn (5th), Le Moulin, 16 Alcazam, Copse And Robbers, 20 Pleated, 25 Maricama, 33 Misrif, Staghoud, Dust Conquerer, Italian Sunrise, Spring Philtre. 20 ran. 2l, 6l, 12l, 5l, 1½l. R Akehurst at Epsom. Tote: £4.60; £1.30, £3.60, £5.60, £1.80. DF: £17.20. CSF: £39.08. Tricast: £452.49. 3m 41.28s.

4.00 (1m 2f) 1, KING TEFKROS (Pat Eddery, 8-1); 2, **Homme d'Affaire** (P Waldron, 7-2 fav); 3, **Swiss Nephew** (R Fox, 14-1). ALSO RAN: 9-2 Forward Rally (5th), 13-2 Auchinate (6th), Tom Forrester, 8 While It Lasts, 10 Emrys, Noble Fille, 14 Golden Beau (4th), 16 Nobolmira, Tarleton's Oak, 33 Rapid Lad, Saalib. 14 ran. NR: Up To Uncle. ½l, 5l, 4l, ¾l, 3l. M Tompkins at Newmarket. Tote: £6.60; £1.80, £2.30, £3.40. DF: £75.90. CSF: £38.68. Tricast: £377.70. 2m 16.15s.

Placepot: £12.65

Nottingham

Going: good

1.30 (1m 2f) 1, AMADEUS ROCK (A Shoults, 12-1); 2, **Star North** (R Cochrane, 7-2); 3, **Daring Descent** (S Cauthen, 5-2 fav). ALSO RAN: 6 Russian Lullaby (4th), 12 Aljaw, Corbadge, 14 Lightfall, 16 Mandalay Prince (5th), 20 Highland Bounty (6th), Main Rocket, 25 Little Elly, 33 Biotin, Gouldswood, Ripster, Ulysses, Zannusi Line, Donnas Darling, Mamamera, Petalouda, Tabareek. 20 ran. NR: Deep Raptures, Operatic Score, Toot Toot. 1½l, 1½l, nk, 3l, nk. J Hindley at Newmarket. Tote: £6.20; £1.40, £1.80, £1.20. DF winner or second with any other horse: £2.10. CSF: £51.94.

2.00 (1m 2f) 1, FIRST KISS (B Thomson, 7-1); 2, **Decided** (S Cauthen, 3-1); 3, **Greenhills Joy** (P Robinson, 7-1). ALSO RAN: 11-4 fav Ambassador (4th), 8 Just Too Brave, 9 Shehana (6th), 10 Directly (5th), 20 Lowara, Mavela, 33 East Limerick, Idle Song, Richards Folly. 12 ran. 3l, 2l, 3l, nk, 2½l. J Dunlop at Arundel. Tote: £6.60; £3.10, £1.50, £1.20. DF: £20.90. CSF: £27.97. After a stewards' inquiry the result stood.

2.30 (1m 2f) 1, OUR ELIASO (J Matthias, 11-4 fav); 2, **Lipreader** (P Robinson, 20-1); 3, **Ala Hounak** (B Thomson, 10-1). ALSO RAN: 9-2 Crystal Hawk, 6 Bonafortune (4th), Pastel Shade, 7 Ijazah, Jack Straw, 10 Naturally Autumn, 11 Royal Astronaut, 20 Coup de Foudre (5th), Vestal Flame, 25 Amanda Jane, 33 Banks And Braes, Lantern Boy, Parkers Joy (6th), Spanish Connection, Maycrest, Minabella. 20 ran. NR: *On Wiggy.* 2l, 1l, 1½l, 5l, 3l. L Piggott at Newmarket. Tote: £3.80; £2.30, £7.80, £2.50. DF: £72.30. CSF: £65.68.

3.0 (6f) 1, LE MANS (*Julie Bowker*, 10-1); 2, **Quite A Quest** (J Hills, 25-1); 3, **Austina** (*D J Williams* (10-1); 4, **Class Hopper** (G Carter, 15-1). ALSO RAN: 9-2 fav Tolly's Ale, 7 Paddington Belle, 9 Samba Lass, 10 Hobournes Katie (6th), Miss Hicks, 14 Witham Girl, 16 Findon Manor, Nomad Boxer, 20 Bandyann, 25 My Mutzie, Sly Maid, Bella Carina, Rich Bitch, Ever So Sharp (5th). 18 ran. NR: Dashaki Gold. Nk, sh hd, 1½l, ¾l, nk. Capt J Wilson at Preston. Tote: £7.90; £2.00, £3.90, £5.20, £3.00. DF: £2.50, winner or second with any other horse. CSF: £218.68. Tricast: £2,274.91. No bid.

3.30 (6f) 1, SULLY'S CHOICE (S Cauthen, 20-1); 2, **Golden Ancona** (E Guest, 8-1); 3, **Godstroth** (A Riding, 10-1); 4, **Captain's Bidd** (W Woods (15-1). ALSO RAN: 6 fav Taylor of Soham, 10 Sybil Fawlty, 12 Gods Solution (5th), Lucky Starkist, Stanbo, Sharp Times, 16 Fawley's Girl, 20 Dancing Sarah (6th), Grisette, Janna, Linavos, Lyric Way, No Credibility, Riverside Writer, 33 Mary Maguire, Sahara Shadow, Gentileschi, Pentoff, Burning Arrow, Miami Dolphin, Aphrodisiac. 25 ran. NR: Tamalpais. 1¾l, ¾l, 1l, sh hd. D Chapman at York. Tote: £40.00; £7.10, £5.00, £3.40, £2.20. DF: £302.10. CSF: £186.24. Tricast: £1,562.21.

4.0 (6f) 1, SKYBOLT (S Cauthen, 7-1); 2, **Inshirah** (A Murray, 8-1); 3, **Call For Taylor** (N Howe, 33-1); 4, **Tina's Melody** (R Cochrane, 7-1). ALSO RAN: 11-2 jt-fav Four Laffs, Madam Bills, 12 Imperial Friend, 14 Indian Set (5th), Kate Is Best (6th), Surely Great, Watered Silk, 16 Polly's Song, 20 Auntie Cyclone, Blue Calesse, Emma's Whisper, 33 Good Game, Home Device, Quite So, Rankstreet, Little Lochette, Seulement, Illustrate, Dohty Baby, Petroc Concert, Meath Princess, Ring Back. 26 ran. 1l, 1½l, ¾l, ½l, 1½l. W O'Gorman at Newmarket. Tote: £4.90; £5.30, £1.90, £28.10, £2.10. DF: £20.50. CSF: £61.73. Tricast: £1591.56.

Placepot: £153.90

Edinburgh

GOING: good

1.45 (1m) 1, Great Dilemma (G Baxter, 7-2); 2, **Retrieve** (10-11 fav); 3, **Lucky Blake** (11-1). 10 ran. nk, 2½l. P Makin. Tote: £3.30; £1.80, £1.10, £1.10. DF: £2.20. CSF: £6.61.

2.15 (1m) 1, Glory Line (G Baxter, 11-8 fav); 2, **Okosan** (5-1); 3, **Spy Gift** (5-1). 15 ran. NR: Primetta Prince. 2l, 3l. P Cole. Tote: £2.70; £1.40, £1.90, £2.40. DF: £7.00. CSF: £9.45.

2.45 (7f) 1, Pointed Lady (G Baxter, 3-1 jt-fav); 2, **Little Newington** (14-1); 3, **Bold Rowley** (10-1). 12 ran. ¾l, 1½l. R Armstrong. Tote: £2.50; £1.80, £4.30, £4.10. DF: £17.70. CSF: £40.63. Tricast: £345.86.

3.15 (1m 4f) 1, Come Pour The Wine (J Quinn, 5-1); 2, **Miss Bocca** (4-1); 3, **Alphabetical Order** (9-4 fav). 8 ran. 1½l, 5l. H Wharton. Tote: £7.00; £2.50, £1.50, £1.30. DF: £9.00. CSF: £24.05. Bought in for 1,500 guineas.

3.45 (5f) 1, Kala's Image (S Webster, 6-1); 2, **Densben** (8-1); 3, **Gardenia Lady** (12-1). 7-4 fav Our Ginger. 12 ran. 1½l, hd. 1½l, 4l, ¾l. G Moore at Middleham. Tote: £10.17; £2.40, £2.30, £4.40. DF: £43.40. CSF: £55.75. Tricast: £528.33.

4.15 (5f) 1, Rambling River (M Brennan, 5-1); 2, **Warthill Lady** (15-2); 3, **Angels Are Blue** (16-1); 4, **Spacemaker Boy** (7-2 fav). 16 ran. 4l, ¾l. W A Stephenson. Tote: £4.20; £1.80, £1.30, £4.60, £1.40. DF: £8.30. CSF: £41.77. Tricast: £527.39.

Placepot: £9.35

Fakenham

Going: good

1.45 (2m 80yd hdle) 1, Turn 'Em Back Jack (A Carroll 1-2 fav); 2, **Hill Ryde** (14-1); 3, **Mostango**; (12-1). 11 ran. 8l, dist. A Bailey. Tote: £1.40; £1.10, £3.00, £2.80. DF: £5.90. CSF: £11.16.

2.15 (2m 80yd hdle) 1, ***Pronuptia Bride*** (A Carroll, 7-1); 2, **Saucy Sprite** (11-2); 3, **River Lune** (8-1). **Gulphar** 6-4 fav. 8 ran. NR: Lingfield Lady. 8l, ½l. D Wintle. Tote: £10.00; £2.20, £1.50, £2.00. DF: £15.90. CSF: £48.58.

2.45 (3m ch) 1, Prince Carlton (Miss C Bloom, 6-5 fav); 2, **Mick's Ritual** (4-1); 3, **Mark Paula** (7-1). 5 ran. NR: Celtic Story. 12l, dist. Mrs J Bloom. Tote: win £1.80; £1.30, £2.30. DF: £3.80. CSF: £6.59.

3.15 (2m 80yd hdle) 1, Man O'Magic (T Thomson Jones, 8-15 fav); 2, **Tin Boy** (4-1); 3, **Houndstout** (12-1). 12 ran. 2½l, 10l. K Bailey. Tote: £1.80; £1.20, £1.10, £2.00. DF: £1.80. CSF: £3.88.

3.45 (2m ch) 1, Ling (R Stronge, 5-1); 2, **Le Marsh** (12-1); 3, **Gripping Lad** (33-1). 2-1 fav Snitterfield. 9 ran. 2½l, 7l. P Harris. Tote: £5.10; £2.00, £3.40, £4.20. DF: £27.10. CSF: £60.59.

4.15 (2m 5f 110yd hdle) 1, White Rose (S Smith Eccles, 7-4 fav); 2, **Asticot** (5-1); 3, **Special Settlement** (5-2). 9 ran. 6l, 10l. N Henderson. Tote: £2.00; £1.10, £2.50, £1.40. DF: £11.00. CSF: £12.19.

Placepot: £22.55

Wintle back with a winner

David Wintle, the trainer, and jockey, Tony Carroll, came back with a with a winner at Fakenham yesterday on their return from a three month suspension.

Both were banned by the Jockey Club after they were unable to explain the improvement of Tierra Di Sienna, who landed a gamble to win a selling hurdle at Taunton after finishing down the field in a previous appearance.

They were back in the winner's enclosure when Pronuptia Bride, Wintle's first runner, landed the Walsingham Selling Handicap Hurdle – after being backed from 16-1 to 7-1.

"It's very nice to be back," smiled Wintle, who admitted: "I did fancy her a lot."

The win completed a double for jockey Carroll, who had earlier won the first race on Turn 'Em Back Jack.

FOR THE RECORD

AMERICAN FOOTBALL

NORTH AMERICA: Philadelphia Eagles 23, San Diego Chargers 7; Pittsburgh Steelers 30, Cincinnati Bengals 9; Los Angeles Rams 14, Atlanta Falcons 7; Dallas Cowboys 37, St Louis Cardinals 6; Denver Broncos 20, Seattle Seahawks 13; Kansas City Chiefs 27, Tampa Bay Buccaneers 20; Miami Dolphins 17, Indianapolis Colts 13; New York Jets 28, New Orleans Saints 23; Cleveland Browns 23, Minnesota Vikings 20; Chicago Bears 13, Detroit Lions 7; Los Angeles Raiders 28, Houston Oilers 17; New England Patriots 23, Buffalo Bills 3; San Francisco 49ers 31, Green Bay Packers 17.

AMERICAN CONFERENCE

Eastern Division	W	L	T	PF	PA
New York Jets	7	1	0	206	166
N Eng Patriots	5	3	0	219	115
Miami Dolphins	3	5	0	198	233
Buffalo Bills	2	6	0	145	171
Indianapolis Colts	0	8	0	81	206

Central Division	W	L	T	PF	PA
Cincinnati Bengals	5	3	0	185	222
Cleveland Browns	5	3	0	175	180
Pittsburgh Steelers	2	6	0	115	192
Houston Oilers	1	7	0	145	178

Western Division	W	L	T	PF	PA
Denver Broncos	7	1	0	209	136
Seattle Seahawks	5	3	0	178	120
Kansas City Chiefs	5	3	0	181	172
LA Raiders	5	3	0	164	147
S Diego Chargers	1	7	0	166	224

NATIONAL CONFERENCE

Eastern Division	W	L	T	PF	PA
Washington Redskins	6	1	0	146	118
Dallas Cowboys	6	2	0	226	134
NY Giants	6	2	0	142	90
Phila Eagles	3	5	0	121	166
St Louis Cardinals	1	7	0	103	194

Central Division	W	L	T	PF	PA
Chicago Bears	7	1	0	166	97
Minnesota Vikings	5	3	0	178	114
Detroit Lions	3	5	0	123	143
Tampa Bay Bucs	1	7	0	127	218
Green Bay Packers	1	7	0	108	222

Western Division	W	L	T	PF	PA
LA Rams	6	2	0	144	127
Atlanta Falcons	5	2	1	167	132
San Fran 49ers	5	2	1	201	124
New Orl Saints	3	5	0	152	150

ATHLETICS

TULSA: 15km road race: **Men:** 1, P Donovan (Ire), 44min 5.8sec; 2, M Barrato (Mex), 44:09.5; 3, C Rats (Mex), 44:18.5. **Women:** 1, M Harmin (Swe), 50:40.8; 2, F Larrieu Smith (US), 51:15.4; 3, S Tooby (GB), 51:41.3.

BARNES GREEN: Half-marathon: **Men:** J Leversedge (Haringey), 1hr 5min 30sec; 2, P Rowland (Horsham BS), 1:06:56; 3, E Barratt (Arena 80), 1:07:16. **Veteran:** M Millard (Hastings), 1:14:22. **Team:** 1, Brighton and Hove, 48pts; 2, Hastings, 86; 3, Worthing, 115. **Women:** 1, E Isaacs (Arena 80), 1:19:15; 2, A Rawlins (Crowborough), 1:21:16; 3, J Ince (Brighton and Hove), 1:22:11. **Team:** 1, Arena 80, 5pts.

TWICKENHAM: LRRC 25km: **Men:** 1 equal, W Snelgrove (Thames HH), N Featherby (Norf G), 1:22:12; 3, G Stratton (High H), 1:24:45. **Veteran:** P Kemp (London Road Runners), 1:28:51. **Team:** 1, Highgate H, 18pts. **Women:** 1, J Robinson (N Lon), 1:39:26.

BADMINTON

HULL: County championship: Yorkshire 14, Derbyshire 4.

BASKETBALL

CARLSBERG LEAGUE: First division: BCP London 98 (Roberts 31, Betts 22, Stimpson 20), Sharp Manchester United 85; Happy Eater Bracknell 98 (Stiller 24, Wilson 21), Calderdale Explorers 99 (Blunt 39, Johnson 19); BPCC Derby 71 (Coe 24, Ellis 24), Portsmouth 89 (Irish 22, Williams 19); Hemel/Watford Royals 99 (Hale 25, Knuckles 22), Birmingham Bullets 96 (Shoulders 25, Hayes 23); Dreapers Tools Solent 72 (Robson 24, Lewis 14, March 13), Reg Vardy Sunderland 79 (McCray 25, Taylor 15, Mullings 14). **Second division:** Oldham Celtics 140, CBS Colchester 105; Plymouth Raiders 86, Team Walsall 116; Just Rentals Rhondda 119, Tower Hamlets 98; Lambeth Topcats 99, Swindon Rakers 95. **Women's first division:** Lambeth Lady Topcats 48, BCP London 79; *Hemel and Watford 50, Typhoo Hatters* Sheffield 40; Stockport Louvolite 72, Avon Northampton 67.

CRICKET

SHEFFIELD SHIELD: Devonport: Tasmania 243 (D J Buckingham 70; M G Hughes 5 for 73) and 127 for 6 (G Hughes 52); Victoria 327 for 3 dec (D M Jones 111, J D Siddons 76, S P O'Donnell 52).

CYCLING

DORTMUND: Six-day race: Leaders after four days: 1, D Clark (Aus)/A Doyle (GB), 275 points; 2, J Kirsten (WG)/R Hermann (Liecht), 250, two laps behind; 3, S Tourne/E de Wilde (Bel), 201, two laps behind; 4, J Muller/S Joho (Switz) 234, three laps behind; 5, U Freuler (Switz)/R Pijnen (Neth), 169, five laps behind; 6, V Diehl (WG)/S Hermann (Liecht), 168, five laps behind; 7, J Schlaphoff/U Bolten (WG), 133, seven laps behind; 8, F Moser (It)/D Thurau (WG), 89, eight laps behind; 9, G Frank (Den)/B Vallet (Fr), 48, eight laps behind; 10, D Giebken (WG)/D Garcia (Fr), 93, nine laps behind.

CONCEPCION: Tour of Chile: **Sixth stage:** 1, J Alonso (Sp), 4hr 5min 38sec; 2, R Toffoletti (It), 4:05:43; 3, W Magalhaes (Braz), 4:05:48; 4, I Iasaso (Sp), 4:05:53; 5, M Aravena (Chile), 4:05:53. **Overall standings:** 1, E Cuevas (Chile), 21hr 20min 1sec; 2, Magalhaes, 21:20:03; 3, A Herrera (Chile), 21:20:33; 4, O Contreras (Arg), 21:20:36; 5, Toffoletti, 21:20.44.

GOLF

CARACAS: Eisenhower Cup, World amateur golf championship: **Final scores:** 1, Canada 836 (208-210-212-206); 2, United States 841 (204-210-214-213); 3, Taiwan 849 (215-206-212-214); 4, Sweden 858 (217-214-216-211); 5, Australia 859 (218-225-211-207); 6, West Germany 867 (218-217-212-220); 7, New Zealand 868 (214-217-218-219); 8, Colombia 870 (228-216-212-216); 9, France 870 (220-218-213-219); 10, Spain 873 (223-216-220-214).

SAN ANTONIO: Vantage championship: **Final scores:** (Tournament shortened to 54 holes, US unless stated): 198: B Crenshaw, 65, 67, 64. 197: P Stewart, 67, 65, 65. 201: E Gonzalez, 68, 67, 66; *P Blackmar, 66, 67, 68;* R Clampett, 67, 68, 66; R Black, 68, 66, 67. 202: N Price (SA), 67, 68, 67; T Kite, 68, 67, 67; L Mize, 67, 66, 69; D Pooley, 70, 65, 67; K Knox, 66, 67, 69; J Froman, 67, 67, 68; M O'Grady, 70, 64, 68. 203: R Floyd, 69, 67, 67; J Thorpe, 68, 67, 68. 204: K Brown (GB), 65, 68, 71. 205: B Langer (WG), 65, 70, 70.

SÃO PAULO: International classic: **Final scores:** 272: R Navarro (Braz), 67, 72, 65, 68. 277: V Fernandez (Arg), 70, 67, 68, 72. 281: V Regalado (Mex), 70, 76, 72, 63. 282: D Jones (GB), 71, 74, 67, 70; M Fernandez (Arg), 68, 70, 74, 70; C Sanudo (US), 66, 73, 71, 72; A Saavedra (Arg), 66, 69, 69, 76. 283: J Haret (US), 72, 72, 74, 65; J Gonzalez (Braz), 71, 71, 71, 70; H Vizzona (Arg), 73, 70, 72, 68; C Dluhosch (Braz), 70, 73, 68, 72; M Mackenzie (GB), 67, 73, 73, 70.

HANDBALL

BRITISH LEAGUE: Kirkby Select 23, Tryst 77 28; Salford 23, Birkenhead 18; EK '82 14, Liverpool 21; Ruislip Eagles 23, Ashford Tanners 14. **Women's English League:** Ruislip Eagles 21, Halewood Forum 11.

HOCKEY

MEN'S COUNTY CHAMPIONSHIP: Cheshire 2, Yorkshire 2; Durham 6, Cumbria 2; Lancashire 3, Northumberland 0; Derbyshire 1, Staffordshire 1; Leicestershire 0, Worcestershire 2; Northamptonshire 0, Warwickshire 12; Shropshire 2, Nottinghamshire 3; Gloucestershire 1, Dorset 1; Devon 3, Somerset 2; Hereford 0, Cornwall 1; Gloucestershire 2, Wiltshire 1; Devon 3, Dorset 1; *Somerset 3, Hereford 3; Cambridgeshire 2,* Suffolk 1; Essex 7, Bedfordshire 0; Lincolnshire 4, Hertfordshire 4; Buckinghamshire 2, Oxfordshire 0; Sussex 0, Berkshire 1; Middlesex 0, Surrey 0; Hampshire 1, Kent 1. **WOMEN'S COUNTY CHAMPIONSHIP:** Preliminary round: Staffordshire 1, Northamptonshire 0; Warwickshire 5, Derbyshire 1; Warwickshire 1, Staffordshire 0; Northamptonshire 2, Derbyshire 0; Buckinghamshire 3, Oxfordshire 0; Berkshire 3, Sussex 0; Surrey 1, Hampshire 1; Nottinghamshire 1, Shropshire 0; Bedfordshire 4, Shropshire 0; Bedfordshire 2, Nottinghamshire 0; Leicestershire 3, Worcestershire 1.

ORIENTEERING

GALLOWAY FOREST: Karrimor mountain marathon: Elite (56.8km) 1, D Rascliffe and P Irwin, 9hr 50min 1sec; 2, P Haines, M Garrett, 10.18.10; 3, M Stone, S Bradshaw, 10.23.13. Other class winners: A (47.4km): A Kitchen, P Hague, 8.49.15. B (43.4km): N Conway, P James, 7.29.47. C (41km): K Robinson, L Shaw, 8.53.42.

RALLYING

BARCELONA: Catalonian rally: 1, F Tabaton (It), Lancia, 4hr 17min 45sec; 2, C Sainz (Sp), 4:22.09; 3, S Servia (Sp), 4:24.08; 4, P Snijers (Bel), 4:27.16. **Final European championship standings:** 1, Tabaton, 425pts; 2, Snijers, 385; 3, B Fernandez (Sp), 229.

RUGBY UNION

SCHOOLS MATCHES: Bethany 14, Chatham House GS 0; Blundell's 20, Queen's, Taunton 6; Chislehurst and Sidcup GS 4, St Mary's, Sidcup 13; City of London 36, St James 0; Cranbrook 6, King's, Rochester 8; Dover 7, Kent 4; Dulwich 18, Queen Elizabeth GS, Wakefield 0; Edinburgh Academy 30, Robert Gordon's 0; Emanuel 7, Colfe's 20; Gresham's 15, Nottingham HS 24; Haileybury 22, Haberdashers' Aske's, Elstree 0; Harrow 12, Tonbridge 16; King Edward's, Bath 18, Beechen Cliff 0; King's Canterbury 9, Eastbourne 7; King's, Macclesfield 14, St Bede's 4; KCS Wimbledon 16, St John's, Leatherhead 9; Llandovery 7, Christ, Brecon 11; Loretto 33, Strathallan 10; Maidstone GS 6, Judd 14; Oakham 17, Pocklington 10; Merchant Taylors', Northwood 18, Merchant Taylor's, Crosby 14; Radley 4, St Edward's, Oxford 4; Rossall 39, King William's, IOM, 0; Rydal 14, Wesley, Dublin 13; St Edmund's Ware 34, Douai 3; St Paul's 6, Brighton 4; UCS 21, St Dunstan's 4; Wellington, Berks 16, Trent 12; West Park 22, Durham 13.

VOLLEYBALL

ROYAL BANK SCOTTISH LEAGUE: First division: Bellshill Cerd 3, Paisley 1; E Kilbride 3, Scottish Farm 2, Kinleith Plant 3, Team Kayplant 2; MIM 3, Dundee Kirkton 0; Krystal Klear 3, Falcon Electrical 0. **Women's first division:** Provincial Ins 3, Scottish Farm 2; Carluke 2, Inverclyde 2 (abandoned).

SQUASH

TELFORD: Inter City national challenge: Semi-finals: **Men's Open:** L Goss (Ebbsham) bt S Barlow (Bedford), 9-2, 2-9, 10-8, 10-9. R Batvala (Edgbaston Priory) bt D Hickman (Edinburgh), 9-6, 9-2, 10-8. **Women's Open:** F Roberts (Hants) bt S Langley (Northants), 9-3, 9-4, 9-1. J Parker (Kent) bt S Wright (Kent), 9-7, 9-6, 9-4. **Men's Over 35:** P Wright (Brenfield) bt J McCollum (Edgbaston Priory), 9-5, 9-4, 7-9, 6-9, 10-8; A Kaoud (Western Ave) bt B Patterson (Portsmouth), 10-8, 5-9, 9-5, 9-5. **Women's Over 35:** B Diggens (Sussex) bt A Murphy (Essex), 9-1, 9-4, 9-1; D Murray (Wales) bt L Bainbridge (Kent), 9-6, 9-1, 9-0. **Veteran Men:** M Grundy (Worksop) bt D Bingham (Yarm), 9-4, 9-4, 9-1. M Yasin (South Bank London), bt B Mason (Grenofen), 9-1, 9-1, 9-2. **Veteran Women:** A Manley (Avon) bt B *Sanderson (Essex), 9-4, 7-9, 9-2, 9-0;* B Dryhurst (Staffs) bt P Francis (Lancs), 9-7, 9-4, 9-0. **Vintage Men:** R Coope (Village Prestwick) bt J Platts (Falkirk), 10-9, 7-9, 9-5, 9-1; B Griffin (De La Bere) bt J Montgomery (Ulster), 9-1, 9-0, 9-1. **Student Men:** A Foley (Nottingham), bt A MacLean (Marcos), 9-3, 9-3, 9-0; H Evans (Cambridge) bt M Baker (Surbiton), walkover. **Student Women:** J Woodcock (Manchester) bt R Stanyon (Warwick), 9-3, 9-3, 9-0; M Galloway (Cambridge) bt D Duce (Tettenhall), 9-5, 9-5, 9-7.

WEST LONDON OPEN: Men: Semi-finals: M Bodmeade bt D Harris, 6-9, 9-6, 9-7, 9-6; P Whitlock bt M Maclean, 9-6, 0-9, 9-5, 9-2. **Final:** Bodmeade bt Whitlock, 8-9, 9-2, 8-10, 9-6, 9-7. **B final:** S Meads bt C Keith, 9-5, 9-4, 9-4. **Women's final:** D Ashby bt R Headfield, 4-9, 9-4, 9-2, 9-5.

SWIMMING

NEWCASTLE: Hewlett Packard English Schools championships: **Boys: Junior freestyle relay:** Division five (Avon, Cornwall, Devon, Gloucestershire, Somerset, Wiltshire), 2min 28.28sec (championship record). **Medley relay:** Division eight (Cambridgeshire, Essex, Norfolk, Suffolk), 2:49.22. **Penge Trophy:** Division eight, 42 pts. **Intermediate 100m freestyle:** S Dronsfield (Oldham), 53.70. **100m backstroke:** M O'Connor (Thameside), 1:02.49. **100m breaststroke:** I McKenzie (Braintree), 1:07.64. **100m butterfly:** S Brown (Farnborough), 1.00.93. **Medley:** I Stewart (York), 3:03.13. **Freestyle relay:** Division five, 2:21.68. **Marshall Trophy:** Division five, 40 pts. **Senior freestyle relay:** Division five, 2:16.07. **100m freestyle:** M Foster (Street), 51.71 (championship record). **100m backstroke:** I Panting (Kelly College), 1:01.63. **100m breaststroke:** A Fitzgerald (Westcliffe), 1:08.27. **100m butterfly:** R Leishman (Kelly College), 57.96. **Medley:** G Robins (Portsmouth), 3:01.33. **Grimsby Trawler Owners Trophy:** Division five, 50 pts.

Girls: Junior medley relay: Division 11 (Kent, Surrey), 2:57.44. **100m freestyle:** A Clarke (Twerton), 1:01.12. **100m backstroke:** J Deakins (Evesham), 1:10.62. **100m breaststroke:** H Watson (Belper), 1.15.61 (championship record). **100m butterfly:** T Horner (Sunderland), 1.07.75. **Medley:** J Drewitt (Bedford), 3.20.94. **Penge Trophy:** Division 11, 37 pts. **Intermediate 100m freestyle:** K Pickering (Brighton), 58.37sec. **100m backstroke:** S Kirkwood (Hull), 1:09.20. **100m breaststroke:** H Fran (Leeds), 1:14.09. **100m butterfly:** A Jones (Liverpool), 1:06.42. **Medley:** Z Long (Kelly College), 3:19.41. **Medley relay:** Division three (Yorkshire, Humberside), 2:53.57. **Freestyle relay:** Division two (Cheshire, Lancashire, Merseyside, Isle of Man), 2:36.64. **Great Yarmouth Challenge Bowl:** Division 12, 29 pts. **Senior medley relay:** Division four (Derbyshire, Leicestershire, Lincolnshire, Northamptonshire, Nottinghamshire, Warwickshire), 2:51.82. **100m butterfly:** N Kennedy (Warwick), 1:05.01. **Medley:** H Walsh (Street), 3:16.16. **Freestyle relay:** Division 12 (Berkshire, Dorset, Hampshire, Oxfordshire, Sussex, Channel Isles, Isle of Wight), 2.37.07. **Great Yarmouth Stadium Trophy:** Division four, 39 pts.

May Bennett Trophy: (Overall top division): Division five, 187 pts.

John Blunsden reviews a vintage Grand Prix year and provides some pointers for 1987

Mansell's new stature as valuable as title

During the 37-year history of the formula one world championship there have been several seasons of grand prix racing of truly vintage quality. But few, if any, came close to matching the seven months of high pressure excitement, technical accomplishment and sporting achievement which ended in Adelaide on Sunday.

The prospect of having a British world champion for the first time in a decade inevitably heightened home interest in the build-up to the crucial 16th and final round of the contest, and in recent weeks the pressures on Nigel Mansell have been immense. The manner in which he has coped with them and prevented them from jeopardizing the sustained excellence of his qualifying and racing skills provide one of the most significant memories of the season for those of us who watch closely from the trackside.

It is not Nigel Mansell's fault that he is not world champion today. All the hard work necessary to secure the title on Sunday had been almost completed, during a drive of notable composure and fluency, when his left rear tyre disintegrated so disastrously.

Yet he has emerged from this character-building season with a reward perhaps as valuable as the title itself. It is his new status, earned through his performances both on and off the track, which have placed him among the elite of the grand prix fraternity – those drivers who have not only proven their ability to win the championship given the right equipment, but have also demonstrated without doubt their ability to handle all the paraphernalia of stardom in an accomplished and convincing manner. Champion or not, he is already a worthy ambassador for his sport.

It was typical of another true star of the circuits that Alain Prost, in his moment of triumph, should have paid such a warm tribute to Mansell. "I feel so sorry for Nigel, not just because he is such a close friend, but because I know how terrible it feels to lose the championship in the last race – it happened to me in 1983 and 1984 before I won last year. I hope Nigel's turn will come in 1987."

But nothing should be allowed to belittle the quality of Prost's own achievement in winning two titles back to back, the first time this has happened since Jack Brabham completed the double in 1959 and 1960. In the end Prost did so by becoming the most consistent driver of the year, taking world championship points from 13 of the 16 races (though he had to discard his two lowest scores under the rules).

The Marlboro McLaren has now powered the world champion driver three years in succession, a formidable achievement, especially as the inability of the TAG turbo engine to accept as much qualifying boost as its main rivals has frequently placed the front row of the starting grid beyond the team's reach.

Throughout 1986, however, the Canon Williams-Hondas have been the dominant cars, their combination of more than adequate power, seemingly unrivalled engine efficiency, a nimble and responsive chassis, and formidable reliability, backed up by brilliant pit work, having taken them to a clear cut victory in the constructors' world championship.

This is the third time that this often overlooked but immensely satisfying award has gone to the Didcot-based team. They won nine of the season's races (five with Nigel Mansell, four with Nelson Piquet), while Alain Prost scored four times with his McLaren-TAG (bringing his personal score to 25 wins, equalling those of Jim Clark and Niki Lauda and only two wins short of Jackie Stewart's all-time record). Ayrton Senna scored twice in 1986 with his JPS Lotus-Renault and Gerhard Berger won the remaining race for the BMW-powered Benetton team.

Only four drivers – Prost, Mansell, Piquet and Senna – were ever really in contention for the world championship, and what a see-saw battle it became. Piquet won the first race in Brazil, so immediately went ahead, but Senna was in the lead after the second round and the two of them were tied after the third. Then Prost headed the list after winning at Monaco, following which he and Senna exchanged places at the top of the table over the next four races.

Mansell only emerged at the top after the ninth race, but he remained there until the final round and at one stage – after Portugal – he had the biggest lead of the season, which was just 10 points. Throughout the season the average margin between the leader and the runner-up was less than four points – the battle was that close.

Although the championship inevitably dominated the scene, 1986 was a significant season in several other respects. It marked the arrival of the grand prix world in Eastern Europe for the first time on the magnificent new Hungaroring, a race facility built from barren land on the outskirts of Budapest in a matter of months – a remarkable achievement for newcomers to formula one. More recently, the return to Mexico City after an absence of 16 years produced a bumpy ride for everyone, but at least crowd control there was effective (the 1970 race had ended with spectators spilling onto the track) so its place on the calendar now seems assured.

There were both pluses and minuses on the engine front. The return of Ford was a positive move during the only season when anything other than a turbocharged engine was outlawed (next season, normally aspirated power units will begin their comeback alongside the turbos, whose days are now numbered).

However, Renault's inability to forge a link with McLaren following JPS Lotus's decision to use Honda power next year has now led to the French company's withdrawal as an engine supplier, while BMW, who have been supporting three teams, are to restrict themselves next year to honouring their uncompleted contract with Brabham. Alfa Romeo are returning as engine suppliers to Ligier in place of Renault, and at least three other teams can be expected to change their engine sources for next season.

Gerhard Berger's victory in Mexico came too late for Pirelli to reconsider their decision to withdraw from the grand prix scene, which seems likely to provide Goodyear with a monopoly next season. The American company have indicated their willingness to fill the vacuum caused by Pirelli's departure, but in return is asking for certain safeguards from the sport's administrators if it is to shoulder the burden of servicing the entire field.

The most important off-track development of 1986 was the announcement of new formula one regulations to operate progressively from 1987. The major impact will not be felt until 1988, by which time a new breed of 3.5 litre normally-aspirated engines should be reasonably competitive against the turbos.

Next season, the turbos will still rule, if only because the new boost restriction of four bar is actually a little higher than that regularly used in race trim this season.

As for individual team prospects, JPS Lotus should benefit considerably by the switch to Honda power and thereby provide tougher opposition to the Williams team, while Marlboro McLaren have yet to reveal the full potential of the latest development progress made with their TAG turbo engine and so can confidently be expected to remain among the frontrunners.

History repeated itself on Sunday when Keke Rosberg retired while in the lead of the Australian Grand Prix – his last race. Last year his predecessor at McLaren, Niki Lauda, suffered a similar fate in the last drive of his grand prix career.

If, as is expected, Stefan Johansson takes Rosberg's place, he will find the McLaren much less of a handful than the Ferrari with which he has wrestled so manfully during 1986.

Provisional dates for 1987

Paris (Reuter) – The 1987 formula one motor racing season will begin with the Brazilian Grand Prix on April 12 and end with the Australian Grand Prix on November 1, according to the provisional calendar outlined by International Motor Sport Federation (FISA) sources here yesterday. No date has yet been set in the 17-race calendar for the European Grand Prix on the West German Nürburgring track.

PROVISIONAL CALENDAR: April 12: Brazil (Rio de Janeiro). May 3: San Marino. May 17: Belgium. May 31: Monaco. June 14: Canada. June 21: Detroit. July 5: France (Le Castellet). July 12: Britain (Silverstone). Aug 2: West Germany (Hockenheim). Aug 16: Austria. Aug 23: Hungary. Sept 6: Italy (Monza). Sept 20: Portugal (Estoril). Sept 27: Spain (Jerez). Oct 18: Mexico. Nov 1: Australia (Adelaide).
European Grand Prix (Nurburgring) date to be fixed.

RUGBY UNION

Reigatians rewarded with home encounter

By David Hands
Rugby Correspondent

Old Reigatians, only the second old boys side to reach the third round of the John Player Special Cup, were rewarded with a home tie against Saracens – the only surviving junior club to do so after Alan Grimsdell, president of the Rugby Football Union, had completed the draw at Twickenham yesterday.

Worthing and Paviors play exiles teams, London Scottish and London Welsh respectively, while Reading must travel to Coventry. Whether one should include Lichfield in the junior category is open to doubt (among their victims this season are Northampton) but they journey to St Helens where they play one of the season's success stories, the merged Liverpool/St Helens club.

No one match stands out particularly from the others in the third round, though there will be some neighbourly conflict between Sale and Orrell, Bath, the cup holders three times over, are at home to Plymouth Albion and Wasps, last season's beaten finalists, play Rugby, whose revival this season was maintained at the weekend at the expense of Blackheath.

Reigatians are already well primed about Saracens. Lyn Flye, their coach, organized a video of Saracens' game against Exeter earlier this month, so as to assess his club's prospects against the West Countrymen. Having now beaten Exeter, Reigatians can run the film again to look at Saracens' strengths and weaknesses; both clubs play on an open ground and Flye's main worry is the sheer size of their opponents. The three-month interval will also give Saracens a chance of John Buckton, their centre, recovering from a back injury, which would make a difference to the quality of their back play

Worthing are by no means distressed at having to travel to Richmond to play the Scottish. They accept, as do all the junior clubs involved, that whatever happens now will be a bonus to their season and they are happy to play at a traditional first-class venue against, it may be said, a side that has not been going well thus far. The Scottish were well beaten at Bristol last Saturday and though they may improve over the next three months – and have been historically awkward cup opponents – Worthing will not travel without hope. "It saves us the trouble of putting up temporary stands and so on," Mike Sperring, their chairman, said. "It will be just like travelling the normal distance for a fixture so there will be no problems if the weather is a bit doubtful." Worthing have already earmarked the money they will get from the competition's sponsors; they would like to buy a scrummaging machine although St Ives, their beaten opponents at the weekend, may contend they have no outstanding need of one.

Of past cup winners, Leicester, successful between 1979 and 1981, travel to Rosslyn Park on a date which used to be their customary fixture before it was virtually discontinued because of Leicester's consistent cup success from 1978 onwards. Gosforth, winners in 1976 and 1977, play old northern rivals in Waterloo, and Gloucester – who won the inaugural knock-out competition and were successful again in 1978 and 1982 – face a difficult task at West Hartlepool. Nottingham, now the only unbeaten first-class side in England, travel to Lydney where they will get a warm Forest of Dean welcome.

Third-round draw

Bath v Plymouth Albion, Bristol v Bedford, Coventry v Reading, Gosforth v Waterloo, Lydney v Nottingham, Liverpool/St Helens v Lichfield, London Irish v Richmond, London Scottish v Worthing, London Welsh v Paviors, Moseley v Vale of Lune, Old Reigatians v Saracens, Rosslyn Park v Leicester, Rugby v Wasps, Sale v Orrell, Wakefield v Harlequins, West Hartlepool v Gloucester. Matches to be played on January 24.

GOLF

Prize money up as Continent adds to pulling power

By Mitchell Platts

The balance of power in European golf continues to shift towards the continent following the announcement today that the 1987 PGA Tour will be worth a minimum of £6.5 million compared with last year's £5.4 million.

Moreover, in seeking cover for the likely phasing out of part of the Safari tour, which will become necessary if the Nigerians fail to complete payment on their Open which finished eight months ago, the PGA European Tour are aiming at Southern Europe and even Northern Africa.

New tournaments will include the German Masters and the probable return of the Belgian Open, but British spectators lose the Car Care Plan International after five years, while the Jersey Open must agree to a dates switch, possibly opposite the US Masters, in order to continue.

Ken Schofield, the Executive Director of the PGA European Tour, said: "My target is to have by 1990 a circuit which stretches from March 15 to November 30. We are seeking to extend the season by playing in Southern Europe. We will also look at northern Africa, at places such as Tunisia, as the Safari circuit is likely to come under review.

"There is no doubt that the balance has swung to the continent in terms of very real increases in prize money. The Ebel European Masters could top £300,000 next season and the German Open will comfortably exceed £200,000 and, in addition to that, the German Masters will be another very big tournament. In fact, we expect in the end to have something like 14 events each with prize funds of £200,000 or more."

The growth in the game on the continent was highlighted only recently when the tour signed an agreement with Trans World International, a subsidiary of Mark McCormack's International Management Group, aimed at encouraging television coverage in Britain of continental events. Only last weekend, Scottish TV showed live the play-off in the Lancôme Trophy in Paris. Even so, there are significant increases in the prize funds of several of the tournaments in Great Britain and Ireland, with the Epson Grand Prix purse increasing from £100,000 to £250,000 and the Bell's Scottish Open moving from £130,000 to a minimum of £200,000.

The spread of tournaments is likely to be 13 in Great Britain and Ireland next year, compared with 17 on the continent and the swing in power is clearly a result of the surge in sponsorship on the continent; which has lifted prize money into a zone which home sponsors will not match without guaranteed television coverage.

The one exception to the rule is the Lawrence Batley International, which will be played on August 20-23 next year. "I am particularly delighted that Lawrence, who has been a great supporter of the tour, is keen to continue and we are in fact on the point of signing a new three-year agreement with him," said Schofield. The Lawrence Batley International will not have television coverage, but it is likely to move away from The Belfry, possibly to an Open Championship venue.

It means that the Lawrence Batley International will also supply Ryder Cup points, with the race for places in the European team ending the following week at the German Open. The likelihood is that nine players will automatically qualify and that Tony Jacklin, the captain, will select three players as he did in 1985 when the United States were beaten for the first time since 1957.

Even so, the start of the Ryder Cup points race is likely to begin earlier than usual if the organizers of the Jersey Open agree to stage their event on April 9-12, although the expansion of the tour could lead to the return of the Algarve Open in March. The Portuguese Open will be further developed following the signing of a four-year contract between the Federation and Camcorp, the international golf promotions company headed by former Walker Cup player, Roddy Carr, leaving Antonio Carmona Santos, who has held the reins for three years, free to devote his attention to resurrecting the Algarve Open.

Tour dates for 1987

APRIL: 2-5: Dunhill Cup qualifying (Rome); 9-12: to be arranged; 16-19: Suze Open (Carnes Mougins); 23-26: Capsa Madrid Open (Puerta de Hierro); 30-May 3: Italian Open (Monticello (Milan)
MAY: 7-10: Epson Grand Prix of Europe (St Pierre, Chepstow); 14-17: (Peugeot Spanish Open (Las Brisas); 22-25: Whyte and Mackay PGA Championship (Wentworth); 28-31: London Standard 4 stars national pro-celebrity (Moor Park)
JUNE: 4-7: Dunhill British Masters (Woburn Golf and Country Club), 11-14: Peugeot French Open (venue to be announced); 18-21: to be arranged; 24-27: Johnnie Walker Monte Carlo Open (Mont Agel).
JULY: 2-5: Carrolls Irish Open (Portmarnock); 8-11: Bells Scottish Open (Gleneagles Hotel), 16-19 The Open (Muirfield); 23-26: KLM Dutch Open (Hilversum); 30-Aug 2: Scandinavian Enterprise Open (Ulna).
AUGUST: 6-9: PLM Open Ljunghusens (Malmo); 13-16: Benson and Hedges International (Fulford, York) 20-23: Lawrence Batley International (venue to be announced); 27-30. German Open (Frankfurt).
SEPTEMBER: 3-6: Ebel European Masters-Swiss Open (Crans-sur-Sierre; 10-13: Panasonic European Open (Walton Heath; 17-20: to be arranged, 24-27: Ryder Cup (Muirfield Village).

EUROPEAN PGA EARNINGS: 1, S Ballesteros (Sp), £242,208 ($346,357); 2, J-M Olazabal (Sp), £136,775 ($195,558); 3, H Clark (GB), £121,902 ($174,319); 4, I Woosnam (GB), £111,798 ($159,871), 5, G Brand (GB), £106,314 ($152,029); 6, M McNulty (Zim), £101,327 ($144,897); 7, R Davis (Aus), £95,428 ($136,462); 8, A Forsbrand (Swe), £84,706 ($121,129), 9, R Rafferty (GB), £80,335 ($114,879), 10, G Brand jnr (GB), £78,639 ($112,453).



Walker: has been through the rigours of PGA examination

Walker appointed head professional

By John Hennessy

Mickey Walker, twice a former British amateur champion and a trail-blazer in the United States as a professional, is helping to push back another frontier. She has been appointed head professional at the Warren Club in Essex. She has a teaching appointment on a cruise ship until November 9 and will take up her new post soon after her return. "I can't wait to get started," she said yesterday.

Beverly Lewis, the chairman of the Women's Professional Golf Association, regards this as a significant development. "It is marvellous news. We've had to fight to be taken seriously as professionals. From a playing point of view we have achieved that. Now it is clear we can be taken seriously as club professionals," she said.

Mrs Lewis is herself an assistant professional at the Warren Park Centre, also in Essex.

Miss Walker, a former WPGA chairman during a period of severe crisis, owes her new distinction not only to her stature as a player, but also to her character. Simply being herself during two Pro-Ams at the Warren was enough to imprint her name in the mind of John Durham, the proprietor of the family-owned club.

"She is charming and relaxed, not at all pushy," he said. "And when we met to discuss her possible appointment as successor to John Hudson, it was soon apparent she would be an ideal choice."

He did not think that there would be any resentment among the 800 members, mostly men of course, "apart from the odd male chauvinist."

Miss Walker, now aged 33, is not the first woman head professional. Mary Holway held that position at Cottesmore, in Sussex, from 1977 to 1982, before going into semi-retirement in the Scilly Isles. But Miss Walker is the first of the modern breed of playing professionals who have gone through the rigorous examination system of the Professional Golfers' Association at Lilleshall in order to prepare themselves for the future.

It has been apparent in recent seasons that the lustre had gone from Miss Walker's game and her decline to 45rd in last year's order of merit reflected her lack of motivation. "For 15 years I've been travelling all over the world," she said yesterday, "and I've now had enough of living out of a suitcase. It has become too much of a hassle."

She is delighted to recognize that, as she bows out, Britain has nurtured "the most exciting player in the world today. We're so lucky to have a girl like Laura Davies." We were lucky, too, to have had Mickey Walker for so long.

YACHTING

Crusader tests out new keel for second round robin

From Keith Wheatley, Perth

White Crusader is back in the water after a week in the Challenge workshops having a new keel fitted. Today she begins a five-day work-up prior to the start of the second round robin on Sunday.

According to technical director, Philip Crebbins, the yacht was in rather too much of a "dog-fight mode" during the last series. The syndicate anticipated a great many more tacking duels and pre-start battles than actually took place. Long, high-speed tacks predominated, and White Crusader was set up for manoeuvrability.

Harold Cudmore, the skipper, and Eddie Warden Owen, the navigator, are back from a trip to Adelaide to see the grand prix. Their task now is to see the yacht optimised for the heavy air – in excess of 20 knots is anticipated for the November series. The new keel will have been designed in that expectation.

The second, radical, 12-metre has been re-named White Horse Challenge. But speculation that she would be used to take VIPs out to the race course is groundless. "We're still trying things out on her, and if they work we put them on Crusader", said operations director, Andrew Spedding. "There's no way we have abandoned her".

Just who the British team sail against in the next round, and in what order, remains in doubt. They should begin with French Kiss, followed by Azzurra and then Heart of America. But Courageous has dropped out of the competition, leaving 13 holes in the draw pattern.

Under current sailing instructions, a yacht due to race Courageous still has to start if it wants to score the points. A meeting of challengers at the Yacht Club Costa Smeralda on Thursday may choose to amend this. But any further drop-outs could necessitate a new draw.

Eagle Syndicate, from Newport Beach, California, has indicated informally to the regatta authorities that they may withdraw. They are short of money and the yacht, designed by Johann Valentjin, has proved uncompetitive. The syndicate has declined to comment officially, saying only that they will make a statement today on their future plans. Rod Davis, the skipper, is highly regarded amongst his peers, but is known to be unhappy with the boat. In the Australian series the Kookaburras continue to dominate. Alan Bond's second yacht, Australia III, looks increasingly like history as that series draws to a close.

Australia III broke a running backstay just before her start against stablemate, Australia IV. Any chance of redemption in this series for the older Bond boat vanished as she crossed the start line 1min 37sec adrift. It looked as if Australia IV skipper, Colin Beashel, waited for the opposition. Certainly his yacht didn't tear up the first beat into the 18-knot south westerly breeze.

At the top mark, Gordon Lucas at the wheel of Australia III, had made up a startling 49 seconds, to turn the buoy just 48 seconds behind. On the next five legs the lead did not change, but fluctuated by up to 12 seconds. Australia III didn't seem to have the pace to match her remarkable first leg feat.

On the final beat Australia IV, watched by Ben Lexcen and Alan Bond, seemed to change up a gear and increased her lead to gain a minute and finish exactly 2min 17sec ahead of the current world champion 12-metre.

What is to be done with Australia III? The official syndicate position is that she just needs to be sailed better and have a little more luck with gear – this time last week her mainsheet winch blew up just prior to a race. Yet over the weekend Ben Lexcen, not always one to toe the party line, indicated keel and hull surgery ahead.

If she loses today against Kookaburra II, which form indicates as likely, then Australia III will finish the series with exactly half the points of her senior sister. In practical terms that would turn the Bond camp into a one-boat campaign, something they are unlikely to just grin and bear.

Both Kookaburras, with the two skippers on their usual boats, won easily against South Australia and Sydney Steak'n' Kidney. The latter boat seemed to contain her race against Kookaburra II and the exuberant Peter Gilmour very well. The losing margin was only 2min 33sec.

For South Australia it was another day of slaughter on Gage Road. Each leg saw Iain Murray pile another minute on the lead, like logs on a Christmas fire. But, unlike Santa, Murray doesn't hand out presents. The Adelaide team lost by over six minutes.

RESULTS: America's Cup Defender trials: (ninth race day, subject to protest): Australia IV bt Australia III, 2min 17sec; Kookaburra II bt Sydney Steak 'n' Kidney by 2:33; Kookaburra III bt South Australia, 6:05

TABLE

	Won	Lost	Pts
Kookaburra III	8	1	8
Australia IV	7	2	7
Kookaburra II	6	3	6
Australia III	4	5	4
South Australia	2	7	2
Steak 'n' Kidney	0	8	0

Martin leads trail of debris

By Barry Pickthall

With one yacht lost, three involved in collisions, another dismasted, two more now limping towards Rio with broken rigging after being rolled over in high seas, and a serious groin injury sustained by one solo circumnavigator, the first 7,100-mile stage of the BOC Singlehanded Round the World Race has proved something of a destruction derby for the 25 competitors that set out from Newport Rhode Island at the end of August.

Eighteen have now reached Capetown, led by the John Martin, aged 30, from South Africa, whose 60-foot local yacht, Tuna Marine Voortrekker, holds a 15-hour lead over French favourite, Credit Agricole three, sailed by Philippe Jeantot, who won the previous BOC classic four years ago. Almost all have dramatic tales to tell of torn sails, self-steering breakdowns, near misses and frustrating weather.

The first damage was sustained even before the start when French artist, Titouan Lamazou, forgot to disengage the electronic self-steering equipment on his Class one yacht, Ecureuil d'Aquitaine, which then ran out of control ramming Warren Luhrs' American entry, Thursday's Child.

The second collision occurred little more than 10 minutes after these lone sailors had crossed the line when five joyriders, who had stolen a boat to watch the start, were run down by John Martin's Tuna Marine as she led the fleet out into Rhode Island Sound.

Three days later, John Biddlecombe, the Australian entrant, suffered a severe groin injury after falling through the forward deck hatch of his boat, ACI Crusader, and as he was making towards Bermuda and urgent medical treatment, Dick Cross ran into a waterlogged cargo container which sent his boat to the bottom.

The next casualty was Dick McBride, of New Zealand After crossing the equator, Mac Smith, the American sailor, was the next to go down, his 44 foot boat, Quaifo, being rolled over twice in 60 knot winds on October 1.

Others who have made it to Capetown in one piece have equally hair raising stories to tell. The third-placed finisher, Guy Bernardin, climbed up on deck to find his boat, Biscuits Lu, heading straight for a basking whale and London-born John Hughes, sailing Joseph Young under the Canadian flag came within six feet of hitting a semi-submerged cargo container. Pentti Salmi, the Finnish entrant, came close to losing his boat from within when a fire broke out in the engine room, destroying all the electronics on board. By comparison, Harry Mitchell, of Britain, sailing Double Cross, has had a relatively easy crossing so far but with 1,000 miles still to cover before reaching Capetown, he is not taking any chances and does not expect to reach this first stop-over for another week at least.

As the protest committee prepare to listen today to charges of motoring laid against Czech competitor, Richard Konkolski, others are girding themselves for what many expect to be the hardest part of this voyage – down through the Roaring Forties and Screaming Fifties to Sydney, Australia starting on November 15.

Matthews has made deep impressions

By George Ace

The Ulster selectors name the team tonight to meet Connacht at Ravenhill, Belfast, on November 9. The meeting should be brief and the changes minimal – after the convincing 17-6 win over Munster in Cork at the weekend.

Matthews, who withdrew against Munster with an Achilles tendon injury, is expected to be fit and will return to the back row. He was No. 8 against Munster, but Morrow, from Bangor, his replacement, was so impressive that he has probably made that slot his own for the rest of the season. Morrow outplayed Gibson, his opposite number and Ireland's No. 8 on Saturday in Dublin against Romania, and has almost certainly pushed Duncan to a seat on the bench, with Matthews claiming the No. 6 jersey.

It is difficult to visualize any changes behind the scrum, though the name of Hardinson will be bandied around when the centres are discussed, but the talented Malone player may have to wait a little longer.

Munster, who meet Leinster, 41-6 victors over Connacht in Galway, in Dublin also on Saturday week have a few problems to solve. The scrum was decidedly second best to Ulster. Leinster scored 22 of their points against hapless Connacht in the last 10 minutes, but they will almost certainly have O'Driscoll and Fitzgerald back after injury to stiffen forward resistance.

MOTOR RALLYING

Warkup in tie after protest

Delhi (AP) – The seventh Himalayan rally was declared a tie last night between George Warkup, of Britain, and the Belgian, Herwig Nelissen – at least for now – after a protest over penalty points by Nelissen. The protest was upheld pending a review of time books.

Warkup, driving a Lada, had crossed the line first at the Nehru Stadium on Monday afternoon, finishing the 2,840-kilometre (1,760-mile) race with 304 penalty points. Nelissen arrived second with 314 penalty points. But the Belgian then lodged a protest over 10 penalty points he and his co-driver, Firmin Thierre, received for supposedly passing a checkpoint one minute early not long after the race's start last Wednesday.

BOXING

Duva's former flamingo takes flight

By Srikumar Sen, Boxing Correspondent

If the hands of Tyrell Biggs, the Olympic super heavyweight gold medal winner can match Lou Duva, his manager's tongue, then the future world heavyweight champion will be on the Errol Christie-Sean Mannion bill at Alexandra Pavilion on Wednesday.

There is no reason to think that the New Jersey manager is just shooting his mouth off. He has produced enough world champions to know a good prospect and his protegé has reached sixth ranking in the World Boxing Association. "You are going to see class," he said yesterday. "You are going to see the fastest left jab since Ali. He has style and finesse."

"Tyrell used to hop about like a ruptured flamingo, but George Benton, his trainer, has done a wonderful job. He will fight Tyson in 1987 and win the title. It will be like the Ali-Frazier fights. Tyson can fight, but Tyrell's hand speed will be too good. Fighters don't beat fighters, styles beat fighters. Tyrell has the style to beat Tyson."

Duva paused for breath. He needed it. The 6ft 5in Philadelphian, who has won all his 11 contests, seven inside the distance, seized his opening with the kind of speed you might expect from a man with fast hands. "I'm sure some of you think I'm illiterate. I'm not. I just rely on my reflexes and reflexes separate the good from the great. I want to go back to the days of Louis and Marciano and mix the old school with the modern." Biggs, who had a distinguished amateur career suffered two defeats against Teofilo Stevenson, the great Cuban. The first time he sustained broken ribs, then lost on a decision. "The second time Stevenson beat me I wore glasses to the film and still couldn't see how he beat me."

Duva puts his success down to keeping tabs on the amateurs.

Duva also manages four other gold medal winners from the Los Angeles Olympics, Evander Holyfield, the WBA cruiserweight champion, Mark Breland, the brilliant world No 2 welterweight, often likened to Sugar Ray Robinson, and the two lightweights, Pernell Whitaker and Meldrick Taylor, reputed to have the fastest hands in the world. He will be bringing them to Britain for Frank Warren's shows.

AMERICAN FOOTBALL

Bears can still roar when it matters

By Robert Kirley

The Chicago Bears have not breezed past opponents with the same ease they displayed en route to their win in the Super Bowl last season, but they have produced crucial plays that have enabled them to remain a dominant force in the National Football League. The linebacker, Wilber Marshall, provided just such a play to drive the Bears to a 13-7 victory over Detroit Lions on Sunday.

Marshall, who was chastised by the coach, Mike Ditka, for his performance in Chicago's 23-7 defeat by Minnesota in their previous game, responded by recovering a fumble and returning it 12 yards for a critical touchdown.

The Bears' quarterback, Jim McMahon, who had missed the game against Minnesota because of a shoulder injury, returned to action but had a poor outing. He completed 17 of 24 passes for 141 yards and two interceptions, and lost one fumble. The Bears' offence spluttered for the third week in a row.

Denver Broncos, who, like the Bears, are considered to be on track for the Super Bowl at the midway point of the season, beat the Seattle Seawhawks 20-13. John Elway, formerly a minor-league professional baseball player, passed for 321 yards and a 34-yard touchdown to Vance Johnson with 10:34 remaining in the game at Mile High Stadium.

At Anaheim, California, Eric Dickerson rushed for 170 yards and threw a 15-yard touchdown pass to lead the Los Angeles Rams to a 14-7 win over the Atlanta Falcons, and in Irving, Texas, Herschel Walker rushed for 120 yards and scored two touchdowns to lead the Cowboys past the St Louis Cardinals 37-6.

Al Toon, the NFL's leading receiver, caught three touchdown passes, including a 62-yarder in which he broke four tackles, to carry the New York Jets to a 28-23 win against the New Orleans Saints for their sixth consecutive victory. At Houston, Los Angeles Raiders won their fifth consecutive game in a 28-17 win against the Oilers. Wilson completed 16 of 34 passes for 230 yards, and in their best performance of the season, the Steelers surprised the Cincinnati Bengals 30-9

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TELEVISION AND RADIO

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Putting a point on the Mandela spear

● **SPEAR OF THE NATION** (ITV, 10.30pm) documents the history of South Africa's African National Congress, the party of Nelson Mandela. It is, perhaps surprisingly, an old-established organisation, having been founded in 1912 (which makes it older than the White Nationalist party). But what, apart from Black emancipation, are its policies? Among those talking on the programme are Bishop Tutu, Sir Geoffrey Howe, Zambian president Kenneth Kaunda, Father Trevor Huddlestone, Winnie Mandela, ANC president Oliver Tambo and Anglo-American Corporation chief Gavin Reilly, who led a businessmen's delegation to talks with the ANC in Zambia.

● Welcome back to the original, and still the funniest, of the soap send-ups, **SOAP** (C4, 11.45pm). After a 20-month absence, we can at last find out what has happened to scatty Jessica Tate (Katherine Helmond) and her revolutionary guerilla lover, El Puerco; to her brother-in-law, Sheriff Burt Campbell (the magnificently manic Richard Mulligan), who had been photographed in a compromising position; to her sister Mary, who is wondering whether her new baby is really her baby or an alien clone; to her nephew Chuck and his puppet alter-ego, Bob; and to all the rest of her eccentric tribe.

● For exuberant escapism in the afternoon, try the Leonard Bernstein musical, **ON THE TOWN** (BBC1, 2pm), a film whose lively freshness owes much to its location shooting in New York (a revolutionary idea in 1949, when musicals were frankly set-bound). The dancing talents of Gene Kelly, Vera-Ellen and Ann Miller are well used by choreographer Jerome Robbins. Frank Sinatra sings with still-youthful charm.

● A good night on radio, with an awkward choice to be made: **LA PESTE** (Radio 3, 7.30pm) is a worthwhile dramatization by Guy Meredith of Albert Camus' novel, arguably his greatest, about the devastation caused by an outbreak of plague in a French-Algerian port. The deteriorating situation is observed through the eyes of the local doctor, a journalist and a mysterious seeker after peace. Ronald Pickup, John Shrapnel, Maurice Denham and Alfred Burke head a distinguished cast.

● Meanwhile, **RODIN: THE TRUTH FROM WITHIN** (Radio 4, 8.30pm) is the Tuesday Feature: a portrait, compiled by Richard Mullen from letters and other contemporary sources, of the sculptor who appealed both to art critics (some of the time at least) and to the general public. Mullen calls him "the last great artist to have a truly popular following".

● **TREASURE HOUSES OF BRITAIN** (BBC2, 4.30pm) celebrates the magnificence of the 18th century in Palaces of Reason and Delight. John Julius Norwich makes a grand tour of Blenheim, Houghton, West Wycombe Park and Syon.

Anne Campbell Dixon



The Marquess of Cholmondely in the grounds at Houghton: BBC2, 4.30pm

CHOICE

BBC1

6.00 **Ceefax AM.**
6.50 **Breakfast Time.** Weather at 6.55, 7.25, 7.55, 8.25 and 8.55; regional news, weather and travel at 6.57, 7.27, 7.57 and 8.27; and national and international news at 7.00, 7.30, 8.00, 8.30 and 9.00.
9.05 **Star Paws.** A 40 Minutes programme about the owners who supply and train animals for commercials. (r) 9.45 **Advice Shop.** A new series, presented by Margo MacDonald, on welfare rights and how to claim them. 10.00 **Neighbours.** A repeat of yesterday's first episode of the Australian-made soap.
10.25 **Phillip Schofield** with news of children's programmes and birthday greetings. 10.30 **Play School.** (r) 10.50 **Henry's Cat** (r) 10.55 **Five to Eleven.** Dora Bryan with a thought for today.
11.00 **Vegetarian Kitchen.** Sarah Brown with tasty vegetarian recipes. (r) 11.25 **Open Air.** Viewers' 'phone-in comments on television programmes 12.25 **Star Memories.** Nick Ross discovers Lenny Henry's favourite moments 12.55 Regional news and weather.
1.00 **News** with Martyn Lewis. Weather.
1.25 **Neighbours.** Australian-made soap set in a Melbourne suburb 1.50 **Stop-Go.** (r)
2.00 **Film: On the Town** (1949) starring Gene Kelly, Frank Sinatra, and Jules Munshin. Musical romance about a day in the life of three sailors on leave in New York. With Vera-Ellen, Betty Garrett, and Ann Miller. Directed by Gene Kelly and Stanley Donen. 3.35 **Coming Up.** A preview of future films and series.
3.50 **Jimbo and the Jet Set.** (r) 4.00 **The Chucklehounds.** (r) 4.05 **Captain Caveman.** (r) 4.15 **Beat the Teacher.** Paul Jones presents another round of the teachers versus pupils quiz game. 4.30 **Record Breakers** presented by Roy Castle.
5.00 **Newsround** with Roger Finn. 5.10 **Grange Hill.** Episode seven. (r) (Ceefax)
5.30 **Masterteam.** Quiz game for teams, presented by Angela Rippon.
6.00 **News** with Nicholas Witchell and Frances Coverdale. Weather.
6.35 **London Plus.**
7.00 **Telly Addicts.** Two London families, the Woodufts and the Leckys, in a test of television programme knowledge.
7.30 **EastEnders.** Angie pays a return visit to her psychiatrist and makes a confession; and Pete is feeling low about his money troubles and the aggravation from his ex-wife. (Ceefax)
8.00 **No Place Like Home.** Domestic comedy series starring William Gaunt and Patricia Garwood. (Ceefax)
8.30 **Yes, Prime Minister.** Jim is in a moral dilemma when his Health Minister presents him with a plan to abolish smoking. (Ceefax) (r)
9.00 **News** with Julia Somerville and Andrew Harvey. Regional news and weather.
9.30 **Big Deal.** When Jan discovers that Robby is planning another poker game with a visiting American, she turns down his proposal of marriage. (Ceefax)
10.20 **Women of the Year,** introduced by Sue Cook. Highlights of the awards luncheon at the Savoy Hotel, in the presence of Princess Diana. The guest speakers are Kate Adie and Toyah Wilcox.
10.50 **Film 86.** Barry Norman reviews Murphy's Law, starring Charles Bronson, and That Was Then, This is Now, starring Martin Sheen's son, Emilio Estevez.
11.20 **The Money Makers.** A profile of Robert Anderson, the biggest private landowner in the United States, head of the seventh biggest oil company, and the tenth biggest industrial corporation. (r)
11.50 **Weather**



Annie Lambert as Stephanie Arnold, Raymond Gould's colleague in chambers, in First Among Equals (ITV, 9.00pm)

BBC 2

9.00 **Gharbar.** Parveen Mirza chairs a discussion on the importance of mother-tongue teaching.
9.25 **Ceefax.**
9.35 **Daytime on Two:** the start of a school year in Austria 9.52 Working drawings 10.15 A serial about a girl who befriends a badger 10.38 Solving problems by observation 11.00 Animals and fauna that depend on trees 11.17 The uses made of different types of wood.
11.40 **Wondermaths** 11.57 Mathematical investigations 12.18 Maths counts 12.40 The role of members of Parliament 1.05 Yesterday's news in French 1.38 Reading books 2.00 For four- and five-year olds.
2.15 **Small World.** The skill of Denis Hillman, one of the best miniature furniture-makers in the world. (r) 2.25 **Songs of Praise** from Belmont Presbyterian Church, East Belfast. (r) (Ceefax) 3.00 **An Extraordinary Joe.** A profile of mountain climber, Joe Brown. (r) 3.55 Regional news and weather.
4.00 **Favourite Things.** Phil Drabble introduces Roy Plomley to his favourite things. (r) 4.30 **Treasure Houses of Britain.** Lord Norwich visits West Wycombe House; Syon House; Broughton House; Houghton Hall; Bowhill; and Drumlanrig Castle.
5.30 **Schools Prom.** The first of a new series, introduced by Ray Moore. Featuring the Mountbatten School Concert Choir, the Southampton Youth Orchestra, Bournemouth School for Girls' Flute Trio, and the Torquay Grammar School for Girls' Senior Choir.
6.00 **No Limits.** Videos and the top forty sounds.
6.50 **Personal View.** Life as seen through the eyes of Victoria Wood. (r)
7.15 **Under Sail.** This final programme of the series features the Brita Leth, a sailing vessel, saved from a rotting end by a Danish sailing enthusiast.
7.35 **Issues of Law.** The sixth and final programme in the series on the current state of English law examines law reform.
8.00 **Floyd on Food.** Keith Floyd samples the culinary delights of Jersey.
8.30 **Top Gear,** introduced by William Woollard. Chris Goffey previews the International Bike Show; Frank Page talks to a Morris Minor 'surgeon'; and there is news of a steam car.
9.00 **The Europeans** (1979) starring Lee Remick, Robin Ellis, and Lisa Eichhorn. Henry James' story of an impoverished baroness and her brother who visit their wealthy American cousins they have never met with the intention of improving their parlous financial state. Directed by James Ivory.
10.30 **Newsnight** 11.15 **Weather.**

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9.25 **Thames news headlines.**
9.30 **Schools:** physics - radioactvity 9.55 Children talk about truth and lies 10.09 How a blind young man communicates 10.26 Politics - local decisions and national decisions 10.48 Geography: river channel forms 11.10 Music from Ghana 11.27 The importance of eating sensibly 11.44 An introduction to the writing of Betsy Byars.
12.00 **Tickle on the Tum.** Village tales for children. (r) 12.10 **Rainbow,** with guest, the cellist Elizabeth Andrews. (r) 12.30 **The Sullivans.**
1.00 **News at One** with Leonard Parkin 1.20 **Thames news** presented by Robin Houston 1.30 **Mr Palfrey of Westminster.** The Whitehall investigator is asked to find out why an American space engineer has flown to London. Starring Alec McCowen. (r) (Oracle)
2.30 **Daytime.** When a woman marries does she also marry her husband's job? Sarah Kennedy chairs a discussion. Among those taking part are Harriet Harman MP and her husband; Hugh Dykes MP and his wife; Jim Bowan and his wife Phyllis; Gay Murphy of the Diplomat Service Wives Association; and servicemen's wives.
3.00 **Three Little Words.** The first of a new quiz series for couples, presented by Ray Alan 3.25 **Thames news** headlines 3.30 **The Young Doctors.** Medical drama serial set in a large Australian city hospital.
4.00 **The Giddy Game Show** 4.10 **The Trap Door.** Cartoon adventures set in a spooky castle 4.20 **C.A.B.** Episode six of the drama serial 4.45 **Splash** discovers the origins of 'trick or treat?'
5.15 **Blockbusters.** General knowledge quiz game for teenagers, presented by Bob Holness.
5.45 **News** with Alastair Stewart 6.00 **Thames news** presented by Andrew Gardner and John Andrew.
6.25 **Reporting London.** Education leaders in the London Borough of Brent, including Dr Kuba Assegai, discuss the controversial attitudes to education adopted in the borough, with all their repercussions. Plus, teenage drinking.
7.00 **Emmerdale Farm.** The break-up of the Mercks' marriage has reached the point of no return.
7.30 **George and Mildred.** George complains that the dog is better treated than himself. (r)
8.00 **Des O'Connor Tonight Live.** Among the entertainer's guests are Tony Bennett, Edward Woodward, and Michael Barrymore.
9.00 **First Among Equals.** Episode five of the drama serial based on the best selling novel by Jeffrey Archer. (Oracle)
10.00 **News at Ten** with Alastair Burnet and Carol Barnes. Weather followed by Thames news headlines.
10.30 **Spear of the Nation.** A documentary history of the African National Congress.
11.30 **Hammer House of Mystery and Suspense: A Distant Scream.** An old man, imprisoned for a murder he did not commit, returns to his past in dreams to search for the truth. Starring David Carradine. (r)
12.55 **Night Thoughts.**

TV-AM

6.15 **Good Morning Britain** presented by Anneka Rice and Mike Morris. News with Geoff Meade at 6.30, 7.00, 7.30, 8.00, 8.30 and 9.00; financial news at 6.35; sport at 6.40 and 7.40; exercises at 6.55; cartoon at 7.25; pop music at 7.55; and Jeni Barnett's postbag at 8.35. 9.05 Wacaday, presented by Timmy Mallett.



Martin Sheen and Mario Thomas in the American film drama Consenting Adult (Channel 4, 9.00pm)

CHANNEL 4

2.30 **Film: The Navigator*** (1924) starring Buster Keaton in a silent comedy as a millionaire who finds himself adrift with his fiancee on an otherwise deserted ocean liner. With Kathryn McGuire. Directed by Buster Keaton and Donald Crisp.
3.35 **All Hands*** A wartime propaganda film about careless talk, featuring John Mills.
3.45 **10 Million.** Consumer affairs series for the over-60s. The items include a report on the high cost of funerals; an investigation into an electrical service which claims to relieve pain; is it the railways or the coaches which provide a better service for the elderly?; and what are British Telecom doing for its older customers? (Oracle)
4.30 **Countdown.** The reigning champion ischallenged by Patrick Redmond, a work study officer from Derbyshire.
5.00 **Bewitched.** Comedy series about a sorceress and her witch daughter.
5.30 **All Stitched Up.** Part two of the needlework series. (r) (Oracle)
6.00 **World Series Baseball.** The final game in the best-of-seven series between the Boston Red Sox and the New York Mets.
7.00 **Channel 4 News** with Trevor McDonald and Nicholas Owen, includes a report on how the Government is reacting to Britain's housing crisis by encouraging private landlords to provide more accommodation.
7.50 **Comment** from Margaret Roberts, an ex-prisoner. **Weather.**
8.00 **Brookside.** Heather discovers Nick high on heroin; and Tracy causes more tensions in the Corkhill household when she asks for more money to pursue her modelling career.
8.30 **4 What It's Worth.** David Stafford reports on dubious advice given by the new wave of money shops; is the deregulated bus services throughout the country the answer to commuters' prayers? Bill Breckon reports; and John Stoneborough comes to the defence of fifty plumbers.
9.00 **Film: Consenting Adult** (1984) starring Martin Sheen and Mario Thomas. A drama about the effect on a 'normal' family when the only son announces he is a homosexual. Directed by Gilbert Cates.
10.50 **It Takes a Worried Man.** Comedy about a middle-aged man coming to terms with a dead-end job and the break-up of his marriage. Written by and starring Peter Tilbury. (r)
11.20 **Too Close for Comfort.** Ted Knight stars as the harassed, over-protective father of two attractive daughters.
11.45 **Soap.** A return of the priceless comedy series about the Tate and the Campbell families. Ends at 12.15.

VARIATIONS

BBC1 WALES 5.35pm-6.00 Wales Today. 8.35-7.00 Computer Challenge 8.30-10.00 Week In Week Out 10.00-10.50 Big Deal 11.20-11.50 Women of the Year Lunch. 11.50-12.20am The Money Makers 12.20-12.25 News and weather SCOTLAND 9.45am-9.55 Doraman 9.55-10.00 Scottish News 6.35pm-7.00 Reporting Scotland 8.00-8.30 Day Lights 8.30-9.00 No Place Like Home NORTHERN IRELAND 5.35pm-5.40 Today's Sport 5.40-6.00 Inside Ulster 6.35-7.00 Masterteam 11.50-11.55 News and weather ENGLAND 6.35pm-7.00 Regional news magazines.

CHANNEL As London except: 12.30pm-1.00 Link 1.20 News 1.30-2.30 Country Practice 3.00-3.30 Questions 5.15-5.45 Sons & Daughters 6.00 Channel Report 6.35-7.00 Crossroads 11.30 Entrepreneur 12.00 Jazz 12.30am Closedown.

TVS As London except: 12.30pm-1.00 Link 1.20 News 1.30 Action 1.35-2.30 Country Practice 3.00-3.30 Questions 5.15-5.45 Sons & Daughters 6.00 Coast to Coast 6.25 Police 5 6.35-7.00 Crossroads 11.30 Entrepreneur 12.00 Jazz 12.30am Company, Closedown.

HTV WEST As London except: 1.20pm-1.30 News 6.00 News 6.35-7.00 Crossroads 11.30 World Into Image 12.30am Closedown.

HTV WALES As HTV West except: 5.00pm-6.35 Wales at Six.

ANGLIA As London except: 12.30pm-1.00 Link 5.15-5.45 Emmerdale Farm 6.00 About Anglia 6.35 Crossroads 7.00-7.30 Bygones 11.30 Who Dares Wins 12.30am Tuesday Topic. Closedown.

SCOTTISH As London except: 12.30pm-1.00 Link 1.20-1.30 News 3.30-4.00 Sons and Daughters 5.15-5.45 Emmerdale Farm 6.00 Scotland Today 6.35 Crossroads 7.00-7.30 Take the High Road 11.30 Who Dares Wins 12.30am Late Call 12.35 Sorley Maclean at 75. Closedown.

TSW As London except: 12.30pm-1.00 Link 1.20-1.30 News 3.28-4.00 Sons & Daughters 5.15 Gus Honeybun 5.20-5.45 Crossroads 6.00 Today South West 6.25 Televiews 6.30 Tuesday View 7.00-7.30 Me & My Girl 11.30 Postscript 11.35 Falcon Crest 12.31am Closedown.

GRAMPIAN As London except: 12.30pm-1.00 Gardening Time 1.20-1.30 News 5.45-5.15 Emmerdale Farm 6.00 North Tonight 6.35 Crossroads 7.00-7.30 Ceilidh on the Caledonian Canal 11.30 Who Dares Wins 12.30am News 12.35 Sorley Maclean at 75, Closedown.

S4C 11.10am Hwnt Ac Yma 11.30 Hyn O Fyd 11.50 Interval 12.00 Film: Innocents in Paris 2.00 Countdown 2.30 Irish Angle 3.00 Heart of the Dragon 4.00 Filalabalam 4.15 Rebecca 4.20 Hafoc 5.00 Bewitched 5.30 Car 54, Where Are You? 6.00 Baseball 7.00 Newyddion South 7.30 Cefn Gwlad 8.00 Chasing Rainbows — A Nation and its Music 9.00 Mission 9.45 Sos Sarad 10.00 The Orchestra 10.30 Living with Schizophrenia 11.15 New Orleans Now 12.10am Closedown.

BORDER As London except: 1.20pm-1.30 News 3.30-4.00 Sons & Daughters 6.00 Lookaround 6.30-7.00 Crossroads 11.30 Who Dares Wins 12.30am Closedown.

GRANADA As London except: 1.20pm-1.30 Granada Reports 3.30-4.00 Sons & Daughters 6.00 Granada Reports 6.25 This is Your Right 6.30-7.00 Crossroads 11.30 Man in a Suitcase 12.30am Closedown.

CENTRAL As London except: 12.30pm-1.00 Gardening Time 1.20-1.30 News 6.25-7.00 News 11.30 Sweeney 12.30am Jobfinder 1.30 Closedown.

TYNE TEES As London except: 1.20pm-1.30 News 6.00 Northern Life 6.35-7.00 Crossroads 11.30 Who Dares Wins 12.30am Wish Me Luck, Closedown.

YORKSHIRE As London except: 12.30pm-1.00 Lunchtime Live 1.20-1.30 News 6.00 Calendar 6.35-7.00 Crossroads 11.30 Who Dares Wins 12.30am-6.00 Music Box.

ULSTER As London except: 1.20pm-1.30 Lunchtime 3.30-4.00 Joanie Loves Chachi 6.00 Good Evening Ulster. Diary Dates 6.35-7.00 Crossroads 11.30 Who Dares Wins 12.25am News, Closedown.

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5.30am Adrian John. 7.00 Mike Smith's Breakfast Show. 9.30 Simon Bates. 12.30pm Newsbeat with Frank Partridge. 12.45 Gary Davies incl a run-down of this week's Top 40 singles. 3.00 Steve Wright. 5.30 Newsbeat with Frank Partridge. 5.45 Bruno Brookes incl 6.30 a review of the new Top 40 singles. 7.30 Janice Long. 10.00-12.00 Andy Kershaw. VHF Stereo Radios 1 & 2. 4.00am As Radio 2. 8.00pm Bob Holness Presents (continued). 10.00 As Radio 1. 12.00-4.00am As Radio 2.

Radio 2

On medium wave. Stereo on VHF.
4.00am Colin Berry. 5.30 Ray Moore. 7.30 Derek Jameson. 9.30 Ken Bruce. 11.00 Jimmy Young 1.05pm David Jacobs. 2.00 Gloria Hunniford. 3.30 David Hamilton. 5.05 John Dunn. 7.00 Bob Holness Presents... The BBC Radio Orchestra (continued on VHF). 8.00 Soccer Special. 9.30 Joins VHF. 10.00 Inman and Friends with John Inman. Special guest Ruth Madoc. 10.30 Listen to Les say Les Dawson. 11.00 Brian Matthew. 1.00am Richard Clegg 3.00-4.00 A Little Night Music.

WORLD SERVICE

6.00 Newsdesk (until 6.30) 7.00 News 7.09 Twenty-four Hours 7.30 Success Story 7.45 Network UK 8.00 News 8.09 Reflections 8.15 Training for Tomorrow 8.30 Symphony for Four 9.00 News 9.09 Review of the British Press 9.15 The World Today 9.30 Financial News 9.40 Look Ahead 9.45 Sounds of the Sixties 10.00 News 10.01 Discovery 10.30 The Betrothed 11.00 News 11.09 News About Britain 11.15 Waveguide 11.25 A Letter From Scotland (until 11.30) 12.00 Radio Newsreel 12.15 Multitrack 1 12.45 Sports Roundup 1.00 News 1.09 Twenty-four Hours 1.30 Network UK 1.45 Recording of the Week 2.00 Outlook 2.45 Eric Coates 3.00 Radio Newsreel 3.15 A Jolly Good Show 4.00 News 4.09 Commentary 4.15 Omnibus 4.45 The World Today 5.00 News 5.09 A Letter From Scotland (until 5.15) 8.00 News 8.09 Twenty-Four-Hours 8.30 Omnibus 9.00 News 9.01 International Gardeners 9.10 Book Choice 9.15 Concert Hall 10.00 News 10.09 The World Today 10.25 A Letter From Scotland 10.30 Financial News 10.40 Reflections 11.00 News 11.09 Commentary 11.15 Folk in the Modern World 11.30 The Week Report 12.00 News 12.09 News About Britain 12.15 Radio Newsreel 12.30 Omnibus 1.00 News 1.01 Outlook 1.30 Report on Religion 1.45 Country Style 2.00 News 2.09 Review of the British Press 2.15 European Cabaret Songs 2.30 The Betrothed 3.00 News 3.09 News About Britain 3.15 The World Today 3.30 Discovery 4.00 Newsdesk 4.30 International Gardeners 4.40 Book Choice 5.45 The World Today. All times in GMT.

Radio 3

6.55 Weather 7.00 News
7.05 Morning Concert. Vivaldi, Concerto in D minor (RV 540) Monica Huggett (viola d'amore) Jakob Lindberg (lute); Duruflé, Quatre motets sur des thèmes grégoriens, Op 10, with Mary Seers (soprano); Mozart, Trio in G major (K 564) London Fortepiano Trio; Sibelius, Rakastava, Op 14, with Roy Gillard (violin).
8.00 News
8.05 Morning Concert (cont). Boccherini, Symphony in B flat (G 514); d'Indy, Tableaux de voyage, Op 36 (Loire PO under Pierre Dervaux); Rameau, Suite: Dardanus (Prologue and Act 3) English Baroque Soloists.
9.00 News
9.05 This Week's Composer: Mendelssohn. Scherzo (Octet. Op 20) orchestrated by the composer; String Quartet in A, Op 18 (Vienna Philharmonic Quintet); Caprice, Op 16 No 3, with Lydia Artymiw (piano); Overture: Calm Sea and Prosperous Voyage, Op 27 (Vienna PO under Christoph von Dohnanyi.
10.00 Telemann. Two cantatas and a sonata, with Patricia Rozario (soprano), Keith Marshall (oboe), Robert Bailey (cello), Ian Ledingham (harpsichord).
10.40 Bax. Symphony No 2. LPO under Myer Fredman.
11.20 Philip Smith (piano). Nielsen, Chaconne; Liszt, Ricordanza; Beethoven, Variations and Fugue in E flat, on a theme from Prometheus, Op 35.
12.05 BBC Welsh Symphony Orchestra, under Sir Charles Groves, with Gyorgy Pauk (violin). Part one: Tchaikovsky, Overture-fantasia: Romeo and Juliet; Bruch, Violin Concerto No 1, in G minor, Op 26.
1.00 News
1.05 BBC Welsh SO. Part two: Elgar, Variations on an original theme, Op 36 (Enigma).
1.40 Guitar Encores, with Vladimir Mikulka.
2.10 Stravinsky and Schoenberg. Music mostly from their late years. Stravinsky, Ebony



Ronald Pickup: La peste, on Radio 3, 7.30pm

Concerto: Variations (Aldous Huxley in memoriam); Ballet: Agon (Los Angeles PO). 2.50 Interval reading. 2.55 Schoenberg. Verklärte Nacht; Dreimal Tausend Jahre; De profundis; Cello Concerto (freely adapted from a Harpsichord Concerto by M. G. Monn); String Trio.
4.15 Britten Performs Mozart. Symphony No 41, in C (K 551) (Jupiter) English Chamber Orchestra, conducted by Britten.
4.55 News
5.00 Mainly for Pleasure,
6.30 Troubadors. Second of three programmes. Songs by Folquet de Marselha and Guiraut de Borneih.
7.00 Schumann. Études symphoniques, Op 13, with Yolande Wrigley (piano).
7.30 La Peste, by Albert Camus, dramatized by Guy Meredith. Cast includes Ronald Pickup and Brian Glover.
9.30 Bartok. The Wooden Prince. BBC Symphony Orchestra under David Atherton.
10.20 Dvorak. String Quartet in G, Op 77, played by the Bochmann String Quartet).
11.00 Joseph Silverstein (violin) with Andrew Wolf (piano). Beethoven. Sonata in C minor, Op 30 No 2; Franck, Violin Sonata in A.
11.57 News

Radio 4

On long wave. (s) Stereo on VHF.
5.55 Shipping. 6.00 News Briefing; Weather. 6.10 Farming Today. 6.25 Prayer for the Day (s).
6.30 Today incl. 6.30, 7.30, 8.30 News Summary. 6.45 Business News. 6.55, 7.55 Weather. 7.00, 8.00 Today's News. 7.20 Your Letters. 7.25, 8.25 Sport. 7.45 Thought for the Day. 8.35 Yesterday in Parliament. 8.57 Weather; Travel.
9.00 News.
9.05 Tuesday Call: 01-580 4411. Your investments and the Big Bang revolution in the City.
10.00 News; From Our Own Correspondent. Life and politics abroad.
10.30 Morning Story: Strangers at Mrs Evans's, by Mary Campbell.
10.45 Daily Service (s).
11.00 News; Travel; Thirty-Minute Theatre: There's a Werewolf on the Landing, by Raymund Fitzsimons. A boy with tuberculosis contrasts his fevered fantasies and his real life.
11.33 The Living World. Michael Jordan talks to the Prime Minister of Norway about topics like acid rain and whaling.
12.00 News; You and Yours. Consumer advice.
12.27 Legal, Decent, Honest and Truthful. Comedy series set in an advertising agency, with Martin Jarvis and Christopher Godwin. (s). 12.55 Weather; Travel.
1.00 The World at One: News.
1.40 The Archers. 1.55 Shipping.
2.00 News; Woman's Hour. Includes the Women of the Year lunch.
3.00 News; The Afternoon Play, The Dragon Bone Man, by Julia Stoneham. Set in a small hill station in India in 1919 (s). Cast includes Elizabeth Proud and Richard Durden
4.00 News.
4.05 Poet to Poet. John Wain looks at the poetry of Arthur Hugh Clough (s)
4.30 Kaleidoscope. Another chance to hear last night's edition (r)
5.00 PM. News magazine. 5.50 Shipping. 5.55 Weather.
6.00 The Six O'Clock News; Financial Report.



Dr Gro Harlem Brundtland: on Radio 4, 11.33am, LW

6.30 Top of the Form.
7.00 News
7.05 The Archers
7.20 File on 4.
8.00 Medicine Now. Geoff Watts reports on the health of medical care.
8.30 The Tuesday Feature: Rodin: The Truth From Within. Michael Bryant plays Auguste Rodin in a portrait of the sculptor compiled from Rodin's letters and other contemporary sources.
9.00 In Touch. News, views and information for people with a visual handicap.
9.30 Near Myths. Reflections on life in the Greek islands.
9.45 Kaleidoscope, includes the RSC tour.
10.15 A Book at Bedtime. 10.29 Weather.
10.30 The World Tonight.
11.15 The Financial World Tonight.
11.30 Today in Parliament.
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European Law Report — Luxembourg

Missionary priest is self-employed

Van Roosmalen v Bestuur van de Bedrijfsvereniging voor de Gezondheid, Geestelijke en Maatschappelijke Belangen

Case 300/84

Before K. Bahlmann, President of the Second Chamber and Judges F. A. Schockweiler and O. Due

Advocate General M. Darmon (Opinion April 23, 1986)

[Judgment October 23]

A missionary priest who was supported by contributions from his parishioners was a self-employed person for the purposes of Community social security legislation.

The plaintiff, a Netherlands national, was a Roman Catholic priest belonging to the Premonstratensian (Norbertine) Order. After studying in a Norbertine monastery in Belgium, he served from 1955 to 1980 as a missionary in the Belgian Congo, now Zaire.

During a period of leave in 1977 he resided in the Netherlands and registered as a voluntary insured person under the Algemene Arbeidsongeschiktheidswet (General law on incapacity for work – AAW).

Article 77 of that law authorized voluntary insurance contributions to be paid in respect of periods during which contributors would otherwise be uninsured if they were pursuing an activity in a State regarded as a developing country. Zaire was so regarded.

Having become incapacitated for work in Zaire he returned in March 1981 to The Netherlands where, with effect from January 1982, the defendant (Board of the Professional and Trade Association for Health, Spiritual and Social Matters) awarded him benefits under the AAW which were calculated on the basis that the extent of his incapacity for work was 80 to 100 per cent.

However, having learned that the plaintiff had returned to the monastery in Belgium on a permanent basis the defendant suspended the payment of those benefits with effect from December 1, 1982 on the ground that he had not been incapacitated for work in The Netherlands for an uninterrupted period of 52 weeks within the meaning of the AAW.

The plaintiff brought an action for the annulment of that decision before the Raad van Beroep (Social Security Court), Utrecht, which referred a number of questions to the Court of Justice of the European Communities for a preliminary ruling.

In its judgment the European Court of Justice held as follows:

The national court had submitted a series of questions related to the principal problem of whether a residence requirement for the award of an invalidity benefit was, in the circumstances of the present case, compatible with Community law.

In order to deal with that point it was necessary first to examine the definition of the concepts of "self-employed persons" and of "legislation" for the purposes of Council Regulation No 1390/81 of May 12, 1981 extending to self-employed persons and members of their families and Regulation No 1408/71 on the application of social security schemes to employed persons and their families moving within the Community (OJ No L 143 of May 29, 1981).

In accordance with the established case law of the Court, the concept of an "employed person" was not a matter for the national laws of the member states but for Community law and was to be given a broad interpretation, having regard to the purpose of article 51 of the EEC Treaty which was to contribute to the free movement of migrant workers, a principle which was one of the foundations of the Community.

Since Regulation No 1390/81 had been adopted in furtherance of the same objective as that of Regulation No 1408/71, the concept of "self-employed persons" was intended to ensure that such persons had the same social protection as employed persons and was therefore also to be broadly interpreted.

In the context of voluntary social insurance organized for employed or self-employed persons or for all residents in a member state, the concept of a "self-employed person" was characterized by the type of activity which a person carried out or had carried out and such activity had to be a professional activity.

However, taking into consideration the requirement that that concept should be interpreted broadly, it was not essential that the self-employed person should receive remuneration as a direct reward for that activity; it was sufficient that he should receive, in the context of that activity, contributions which enabled him, in whole or in part, to meet his needs, even if those contributions were provided, as in the present case, by third parties who were the beneficiaries of the service provided by a missionary priest.

With regard to the question whether article 2(4) of Regulation No 1390/81 was applicable to the refusal of a social security institution to grant invalidity benefit on the ground that the insured person had not previously resided in the member state concerned for a certain uninterrupted period, it was to be observed that the object of that paragraph was to enable persons falling within the scope of the regulation to receive social security benefits the award of which had been refused or suspended by reason of the nationality of the insured person or of his residence outside the member state concerned.

It followed that the fact of being resident in another member state was assimilated to the fact of being resident in the member state concerned.

That principle was embodied in article 10 of Regulation No 1408/71 the aim of which was to promote the free movement of workers by insulating those concerned from the harmful consequences which might result when they transferred their residence from one member state to another.

As the Court had held in its judgment of June 10, 1983, *Camera v INAMI*, ([1982] ECR 2213), that principle meant "not only that the person concerned retains the right to receive pensions and benefits acquired under the legislation of one or more member states even after taking up residence in another member state, but also that he *may not be prevented from* acquiring such a right merely because he does not reside in the territory of the State in which the institution responsible for payment is situated".

On those grounds, the European Court (Second Chamber) ruled:

1 The concept of "self-employed persons" for the purposes of article 1(a)(iv) of Regulation No 1408/71 as amended by Regulation No 1390/81, was applicable to persons who carried out or who had carried out professional activities, other than under a contract of service or in the practice of a profession or the independent operation of an undertaking, in the context of which they received contributions which enabled them, in whole or in part, to provide for their needs, even if such contributions were provided by third parties who were the beneficiaries of the service provided by a missionary priest.

2 A national regulation on social security matters whose effects extended to persons carrying out or who had carried out activities partially or wholly outside the Community was to be regarded as "legislation" within the meaning of article 2 of Regulation No 1408/71.

3 Article 2(4) of Regulation No 1390/81 was applicable to the refusal by a social security institution to grant invalidity benefit, on the ground that the insured person had not previously resided in the member state concerned during a certain uninterrupted period. However the insured person might only rely on that provision with effect from July 1, 1982.

Law Report October 29 1986

Solicitor's duty to warn client of risks

County Personnel Ltd v Alan R. Pulver & Co

Before Sir Nicolas Browne-Wilkinson, Vice Chancellor, Lord Justice Stephen Brown and Lord Justice Bingham

[Judgment given October 17]

In the proper discharge of his duty, a careful solicitor faced with an unusual clause in a contract should be put on inquiry as to the effect of the clause and was required to warn his client of the risks involved.

The Court of Appeal so held allowing an appeal by the plaintiffs, County Personnel Ltd from a decision of Mr Robert Wright, QC, who, sitting as a deputy High Court judge on July 15, 1985, dismissed the plaintiff's claim for damages for breach of contract and negligence against their former solicitors, the defendants, Alan R. Pulver & Co, Watford.

Mr J. R. Gaunt for the plaintiffs; *Mr Ivan Krolik for* the defendants.

LORD JUSTICE BINGHAM said that two ladies who had worked together in an employment agency decided to go into business on their own account through the medium of a company to be incorporated, and they required business premises.

They answered a newspaper advertisement by a Mr Cook trading as Home Counties Businesses, for two rooms on the ground floor of 109 Queen Street, Maidenhead, at an annual rent of £3,500 inclusive.

The two ladies expected that their business would cover that rent and informally agreed to take a lease of the rooms for a 15-year term with five-yearly rent reviews.

Initially Mr Cook did not appear to have any interest in the premises, but he set about negotiating the terms of a head lease of the whole building to himself with a view to subletting the two rooms to the ladies or their company when formed.

On December 21, 1978 the two ladies instructed Mr Rose, a managing clerk employed by the defendants, to act in the matter. There was evidence which suggested that the tenant's proposed rent might have been tied to a precentage of the the mesne lessor's rent under the head lease.

Mr Rose received a copy of the head lease of the whole building from Mr Cook's solicitor, but the *rent payable* under the head lease had been cut out.

There was also a covenant against assigning or subletting without the head lessors' written notice, such licence not to be unreasonably withheld, and the lessee covenanted that on any *subletting the sublessee's right* to security of tenure under the Landlord and Tenant Act 1954 should be effectively excluded.

In response to an inquiry by Mr Rose as to the rent payable under the head lease, Mr Cook's solicitors replied that "the wording has now been revised" and sent a revised draft underlease the rent review clause of which provided for a "yearly rent of £3,500 inclusive of general rates and water service charges for the first five years of the term created by the head lease ... and thereafter paying for the periods set out in the head lease an amount equivalent to the initial rent increased by the same percentages as the landlord's rent has been increased under the terms of the head lease".

Thereafter the two ladies attended at the defendants' offices and Mr Rose went through the underlease and the head lease with them and dictated a letter to Mr Cook's solicitors in their presence.

The company was allowed into possession of the rooms in February 1979 and the defendants received a certified copy of the head lease showing the rent of the whole building under the head lease as £2,250 a year exclusive of rates as compared with the £3,500 inclusive for the ground floor rooms only in the underlease.

Problems then arose because the head lessor had not given consent to the sub-letting of the ground floor rooms so that Mr Cook's interest and the underlease were liable to forfeiture.

Eventually a new underlease was executed with security under the 1954 Act excluded and with the head lessor's consent.

In 1984 the first rent reviews were negotiated. The rent under the head lease was increased to £5,800 and under the terms of the rent review clause the yearly rent of the underlease rose to £9,022. At open market value the yearly rent on the underlease would have been £2,600.

The defendants refused to pay that rent and eventually an assignee of Mr Cook accepted a surrender of the sublease.

The matters which should have impinged on the mind of a reasonably careful and competent solicitor practising in that field were that Mr Cook or his solicitors did not wish the defendants or the plaintiffs to know the rent being paid on the head lease and that Mr Cook was taking a head lease of the whole premises with a view to subletting part.

Those might not have been *sinister in themselves*. However, it was a most unusual rent review clause and should have caused a reasonably careful and competent solicitor to think about it rather more carefully than would have been appropriate had the clause been in a familiar standard form.

It would have been appropriate to consider whether there was anything in the terms of the clause which might prove disadvantageous to the client.

On reflections involving no element of valuation, on which a solicitor was plainly unfitted to advise, a reasonably competent solicitor should have advised the defendants that on existing information it was impossible to say how the clause would operate in practice, but that *its operation might* be disadvantageous to the defendants; that unless both initial rents were known and investigated and found to be at open market levels, the risk of disadvantage could not on the existing wording be eliminated, and that as matters stood the defendants should not consider entering into a lease which contained that clause.

The plaintiffs did not give that advice or anything like it and were negligent in failing to do so. The matter would be remitted to a Chancery Master for assessment of damages.

Lord Justice Stephen Brown and the Vice Chancellor agreed.

Solicitors: Fairchild Greig & Wells; Reynolds Porter Chamberlain.

Amending pleading after repudiation of contract

Tilcon Ltd v Land and Real Estate Investments Ltd

Before Lord Justice Dillon and Lord Justice Croom-Johnson

[Judgment October 22]

A pleading could be amended to include a claim that a contract had been repudiated and the repudiation accepted even though the acceptance of the repudiation was subsequent to the date of the original pleading, since the facts giving rise to it were not fresh facts going to a fresh cause of action, but merely related to the remedy sought.

The Court of Appeal dismissed an appeal by the plaintiffs, Tilcon Ltd. against a decision of Judge Paul Baker, QC, sitting as a judge of the Chancery Division, whereby he had dismissed their appeal against an order of Master Barratt who granted the defendants, Land and Real Estate Investments Ltd. leave to amend their defence and counterclaim

Mr Graham Platford for the plaintiffs: Mr John Harwood-Stevenson for the defendants.

LORD JUSTICE DILLON said that the dispute arose out of a contract in relation to the supply of clay by the defendants to the plaintiffs, who carried on the business of making facing bricks.

The contract, made in June 1983, was to last 15 years. The plaintiffs were required to pay for a minimum of 50,000 tons a year unless their failure to pay was due to the defendants' default.

The defendants offered a delivery of clay which the plaintiffs said was not of suitable quality and they rejected it. By writ issued on June 22, 1984 *the plaintiffs claimed a declaration* that the clay should be of a particular quality and they claimed by way of damages sums relating to the testing of the clay proffered by the defendants.

The defendants served a defence and counterclaim in September 1984. They pleaded that the plaintiffs had failed to pay the defendants any sum during the year ended June 30, 1983 and they claimed £210,000.

In 1986 the defendants applied to amend the counterclaim to add a claim that the plaintiffs had caused the defendants further loss in that, repudiation having been accepted, the defendants suffered continuing loss by virtue of not receiving further minimum payments.

They also sought to add a paragraph claiming that the plaintiffs had acted in repudiatory breach of contract, which the defendants thereby accepted. The relief sought was a declaration that the plaintiffs had repudiated the contract and that they had accepted that repudiation.

The plaintiffs objected on somewhat technical grounds to the amendment being allowed. In *The Supreme Court Practice 1985* at pp338-339 it was clearly set out that an amendment took effect from the date of the original document, and that rule was the reason why a plaintiff might not amend his writ by adding a cause of action which accrued to him since the issue of the writ.

It was said for the plaintiffs that a party to a contract who wanted to treat the contract as at an end had to elect to do so. It did not automatically happen, and the contract came to an end only when he so elected.

The innocent party had to accept repudiation before he could sue for damages on the footing of repudiation, and he could not include his acceptance of repudiation in existing proceedings merely claiming damages for breach because he would be putting in evidence facts subsequent to the date of the pleadings.

The defendants drew a distinction between amendments which were really only options for a particular form of remedy and amendments which introduced new causes of action.

There were many circumstances in which matters happened after the pleadings which fell to be dealt with at trial even by amendment of pleadings, such as special damages in personal injury cases. The question was whether acceptance of repudiation stood in the same category.

The court's attention had been drawn to *Johnson v Agnew* ([1980] AC 367). The leading speech was that of Lord Wilberforce, and it was plain that he was concerned to apply the general rules of contract law.

The case had not been directly concerned with a point of pleading, but it seemed fundamental that the House of Lords was recognizing that the vendor's election to treat the contract as repudiated did not have to be made before the issue of the writ. He was entitled to elect during the course of the proceedings.

That was inconsistent with the arguments put forward by way of application, or extension, of *Eshelby v Federated European Bank Ltd* ([1932] 1 KB 254).

The facts giving rise to the acceptance of repudiation arose before the service of the counterclaim and it was a matter going to the remedy. It was not a case of fresh facts necessary to complete a fresh cause of action.

Lord Justice Croom-Johnson agreed.

Solicitors: Alastair Thomson & Partners for Sugden & Spencer, Bradford; Wragge & Co, Birmingham.

Questioning validity of divorce

Williams v Attorney General and Others

If the validity of a marriage at its inception was questioned then the petition seeking a declaration that the marriage was valid should be presented under section 45 of the Matrimonial Causes Act 1973. However, if the question was whether a valid marriage still subsisted or had been dissolved, *then the petition seeking a* declaration relating to the marriage should be presented under the inherent jurisdiction.

Mr Justice Lacey so held in the Family Division on October 23 when dismissing the Attorney General from the suit of Mrs Helen Williams, of Aylesbury, seeking a delaration that her marriage to Mr John Windsor Williams still subsisted on the ground that a decree of divorce obtained by him in in the State of Ohio in 1963 should not be recognized as she had not received notice of the proceedings.

HIS LORDSHIP said that the application of the Attorney General was not a piece of legal pedantry.

The Attorney General *pointed out that it would be an* expensive time-consuming burden on his office if he had to be joined in every case where it was not the initial validity of the marriage in dispute but whether a subsequent foreign decree should be recognized.

The natural language of section 45 of the 1973 Act contemplated a dispute about the validity of a marriage at the time it was entered into.

The public interest with which the Attorney General was constitutionally concerned, such as legitimacy, were more likely to arise where the initial validity of a marriage was questioned than in those cases where the validity of the marriage was not in dispute but whether it had been subsequently dissolved.

The Attorney General was entitled to be struck out of the suit unless under the discretionary inherent jurisdiction there were good reasons why he should be a party. There were no good reasons.

The Attorney General's application would be allowed and the petition would proceed under the inherent jurisdiction.

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